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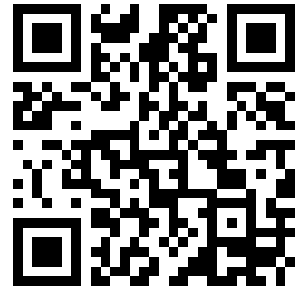

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Lieut. G. G. Whittingham, North. Fusrs., Spec. Res.

DEPT. ASST. PROV. MARSHAL (CLASS FF).—Maj. B. W. E. Gething, North. Fusrs. (dated 18th Nov., 1918).

ASST. INSTR. (CLASS GG).—While emplyd. with a British Mil. Mission.—The following Lieut. T.F., relinquishes his appointment, —(actg. Capt.) C. Stephenson, M.C., 4th North. Fusrs. (dated 28th Nov., 1918).

STAFF CAPTS.—Capt. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C., 4th North. Fusrs., T.F., *vice* tempy. Capt. N. L. Tunbridge, Serv. Batt., York and Lanc. R. (dated 16th Jany.).

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REGULAR BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Lieut. C. H. Steel relinquishes the actg. rank of Maj., and reverts to the actg. rank of Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. (dated 25th Oct., 1918).

2nd-Lieut. to be Lieut.:—V. C. Cherryman (dated 17th Oct., 1918).

The following is secd. for service with the R.A.F.:—Qrmr. and Maj. A. Landen, D.S.O. (dated 1st April, 1918).

Capt F. B. Corbet-Singleton is placed on the h.p. List on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 30th Jany.).

The promotion to the rank of Lieut. of 2nd-Lieut. G. J. W. Gatehouse, notified in *Gazette* 7th March, 1918, to be antedated to 15th Jany., 1917.

2nd-Lieut. to be Lieut.:—W. Myers, M.C., D.C.M. (dated 1st Nov., 1918).

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Tempy. Capt. M. Murtagh relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 5th Jany., and retains the rank of Capt.); Lieut. C. Huntly (4th Batt., T.F.) to be actg. Capt. (addtl.), Lanc. Fusrs. (dated 13th Oct., 1918); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. G. D. Young relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 5th Jany., and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.); tempy. 2nd-Lieuts., from A.C.C., to be tempy. 2nd-Lieuts.:—W. G. Mayer, J. W. Punshen (dated 20th June, 1918).

Maj. E. L. Thompson (3rd Batt., York and Lanc. R., Spec. Res.) (Lieut. ret. pay), relinquishes the actg. rank of Lieut.-Col. on ceasing to cmnd. a Batt. (dated 13th Dec., 1918).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—W. G. Mayer (dated 28th Nov., 1918) with precedence next below D. C. Knowles; M. Babbitt (dated 30th Nov., 1918), with precedence next above P. J. Burley; A. R. Thompson (dated 27th Dec., 1918), with precedence next below P. Fawley, D.C.M.

Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) W. A. R. Dabell to be tempy. Capt. (dated 12th Oct., 1918).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.—M. Melia, M.C., A. H. Aisbitt, J. H. Pearson, D. Martin, J. C. Baker, H. G. B. Booth, W. D. Dow, W. E. Rough (dated 30th Nov., 1918); P. Fawley, D.C.M. (dated 26th Dec., 1918); F. J. Dennett (dated 27th Dec., 1918).

Tempy. Maj. J. Brunton, M.C., to be actg. Lieut.-Col. while cmndg. a Batt (dated 5th Oct., 1918); tempy. Capt. R. W. Gray relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health, and retains rank of Capt. (dated 2nd Jany.); tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) S. Main relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds, and retains the rank of Capt. (dated 2nd Jany.); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. M. L. Maughan, from Labour Corps, to be tempy. 2nd-Lieut. (dated 7th Sept., 1918, senrty. 16th Dec., 1917).

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Tempy. Lieut. N. Watson to be actg. Capt. (addtl.) (dated 28th Sept., 1918); Lieut. E. R. Wilkinson (5th Batt., T.F.) to be actg. Capt. (addtl.) (dated 18th Oct., 1918); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. F. C. C. Grundy resigns his commsn. on appointment to R.A.F. (dated 6th Nov., 1918).

Maj. E. L. Thompson (3rd Batt., York and Lanc. R., Spec. Res) (Lieut., ret. pay) to be actg. Lieut.-Col. while cmndg. a Batt. (dated 18th Nov., 1918); tempy. Capt. B. C. Brady, M.C., to be Adjt. (dated 15th Oct., 1918). Tempy. Lieuts. (actg. Capts.) to be tempy. Capts.:—G. M. L. Logie (dated 29th April, 1918); A. V. Freshwater (dated 24th Aug., 1918); Lieut. A. K. Wardroper, M.B.E. (5th Batt., T.F.), to be actg. Capt. while cmdg. a Coy. (dated 10th Oct., 1918); tempy. Lieut. A. L. Scaife to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. (dated 10th Nov., 1918).

Tempy. Lieut. C. Shields to be actg. Capt. (addtl.), Lanc. Fusrs. (dated 21st Oct., 1918). The following tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—E. Stephenson (actg. Capt.) (dated 26th Oct., 1918); O. Cotton, E. G. Smith, F. W. Wilkinson, C. E. Moore, E. F. Fripp, H. L. Harris, W. Hutton, L. Fletcher, C. Wilkinson (dated 30th Nov., 1918); M. H. Wilson (dated 27th Dec., 1918).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. Alinson to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 30th Nov., 1918).

Tempy. Lieut. G. N. Snowball resigns his commsn. on appointment to R.A.F. (dated 26th Oct., 1918). Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts., from Gen. List (I.A.R. of O.), to be tempy. 2nd-Lieuts.:—F. C. Mason (dated 11th Sept., 1918); H. W. Scott, F. R. Beavan (dated 25th Sept., 1918); W. T. Burke (dated 9th Oct., 1918).

Tempy. Capt. R. A. J. Berry relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 1st Febry., and retains the actg. rank of Capt.). Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—H. Ansell (dated 30th Nov., 1918, prec. next below L. Fletcher); R. Charlton (dated 27th Dec., 1918, prec. next below F. J. Dennett).

Tempy. Maj. A. H. Catchpole (Capt., Suff. R., Spec. Res.), from Linc. R., to cmnd. a Batt., and to be tempy. Lieut.-Col. (dated 3rd Oct., 1918) (substituted for *Gazette* notification 30th Nov., 1918).

3RD (SPECIAL RESERVE) BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

2nd-Lieut. S. Hall to be Lieut. (dated 30th Nov., 1918).

Capt. B. E. Hervey-Bathurst, from Supplementary List, to be Maj. (dated 16th June, 1918).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

4TH BATTALION.

The following 2nd-Lieuts. are secd. for service with the Labour Corps:—T. Oates, H. D. Bennett, R. Lock, G. B. Haughton, G. A. Thompson, J. P. Owen-Flood (dated 1st Dec., 1918).

2nd-Lieut. W. H. Middleton-Andrews is secd. for duty as a Draft Conducting Officer (dated 13th Nov., 1918).

Lieut. C. F. Brown (attchd. 35th Batt.) relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 22nd Jany.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Lieut. (actg. Capt.) C. Stephenson, M.C., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on alteration in posting (dated 16th Dec., 1918); 2nd-Lieut. J. R. Ruddock to be Lieut. (dated 27th Dec., 1918).

2nd-Lieut. G. W. Stafford to be Lieut. (dated 26th Oct., 1918); 2nd-Lieut. J. Liddell to be Lieut. (dated 30th Nov., 1918); Lieut. J. Liddell relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 30th Dec., 1918), and retains the rank of Lieut. (substituted for that which appeared in *Gazette* 19th Dec., 1918).

2nd-Lieut. F. S. Sharland to be Lieut. (dated 27th Dec., 1918).

Lieut. D. E. Riley (attchd. 11th Batt., R. Scots Fusrs.) is restored to the Establishment (dated 9th Nov., 1918); Lieut. D. E. Riley is secd. for duty with Labour Corps (dated 9th Nov., 1918); 2nd-Lieut. G. R. Lunn to be Lieut., and to remain secd. (dated 28th Nov., 1918).

5TH BATTALION.

The following 2nd-Lieuts. are secd. for service with Labour Corps:—O. Fawcett, F. F. Ridley, H. A. Cooper, A. H. Chapman (dated 5th Jany.).

Lieut. C. Jones relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 19th Jany.), and retains rank of Lieut.; Lieut. G. D. White relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 19th Jany.), and retains rank of Lieut.

2nd-Lieut. R. Gray relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 1st Jany.), and retains rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Lieut. V. O. Hillyard is secd. for service with the R.A.F. (dated 24th June, 1918); 2nd-Lieut. C. A. Allen is secd. for service with the R.A.F. (dated 4th Oct., 1918).

2nd-Lieut. H. S. Fleming, M.C., to be Lieut., and to remain secd. with 36th Batt. (dated 17th Dec., 1918); 2nd-Lieut. D. C. Knowles to be Lieut., and to remain secd. with 37th Batt. (dated 13th Nov., 1918).

6TH BATTALION.

Capt. (actg. Maj.) J. G. Leathart, M.C., to be Maj. (dated 27th June, 1918).

Lieut. R. A. Edminson is now secd. for service with the R.A.F. (dated 28th Oct, 1918).

7TH BATTALION.

Lieut. C. Cornelius is secd. for service with the Labour Corps (dated 11th Dec., 1918).

2nd-Lieut. G. A. F. Mercer relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 19th Jany.), and retains rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Lieut. H. A. L. Berry relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 8th Jany.), and retains rank of Lieut.

Lieut. G. H. Shanley relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 28th Jany.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; 2nd-Lieut. A. H. Cray to be Lieut., next above Lieut. F. Ridley (dated 10th Oct., 1918).

Lieut. G. O. Bradford relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 12th Jany.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

2nd-Lieut. F. Ridley to be Lieut. (dated 10th Oct., 1918).

Lieut. W. D. C. Balls relinquishes his commsn on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 14th Jany.), and retains rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. A. Watts, North. Fusrs., to be actg. Capt. (addtl.) (dated 26th Nov., 1918).

36TH BATTALION.

Tempy. Lieut. R. S. Haddon, W. York R. to be actg. Capt. whilst cmndg. a Coy. (dated 7th May, 1918).

LABOUR CORPS.

Lieut. D. E. Riley (4th Batt., North. Fusrs, T.F.), to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. P. of W. Coy. (dated 3rd Dec., 1918).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. to be tempy. 2nd-Lieut.:—A. L. Airey, from North. Fusrs. (Serv. Batts.) (dated 10th Oct., 1918, senrty. 31st Oct., 1917).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. to be tempy. Lieut.:—J. T. Smallwood, from North. Fusrs. (Serv. Batt.) (dated 30th Nov., 1918).

TANK CORPS.

Lieut. (actg. Capt.) to be tempy. Capt.:—A. D. Adams (7th Batt., North. Fusrs., T.F.).

To be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Section:—Lieut. S. Knox (5th Batt., North. Fusrs., T.F.) (dated 18th Oct., 1918).

GENERAL LIST.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. Maclaren, M.C., from North. Fusrs (Serv. Batt.), to be tempy. 2nd-Lieut. on appointment as probr. to Ind. Army (dated 18th Dec., 1918, senrty 28th March, 1917).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. M. Fairley, from North. Fusrs. (Serv. Batt.), to be tempy. 2nd-Lieut. on appointment as probr. to Ind. Army (dated 18th Dec., 1918, senrty. 1st Aug., 1917).

MEMORANDA.

2nd-Lieut. J. F. Egan, 3rd North. Fusrs. Spec. Res., is apptd. for service with Ind. Army (on prob.) (dated 18th Dec., 1918, senrty. 28th Nov., 1917).

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To be actg. Capt.:—Lieut. G. F. Steven, 7th North. Fusrs., T.F., while cmndg. Wireless Sec. Sig. Coy. (dated 19th Nov., 1918).

Tempy. Lieut.-Col. V. T. R. Ford, D.S.O. (North. Fusrs., Serv. Batt.) (Capt., York and Lanc. R.), retains his tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. while cmndg. a Grad. Batt., R. Suss. R. (dated 31st Oct., 1918).

Lieut. G. F. Steven, 7th North. Fusrs., T.F., relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. (dated 18th Nov., 1918).

Lieut. C. E. Leach, Serv. Batt., North. Fusrs., relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to act as Staff Capt. (dated 20th Oct., 1918).

To be actg. Capt.:—Lieut. H. Towers, 6th North. Fusrs. T.F., whilst cmndg. a Trench Mortar Battery (dated 9th Nov., 1918).

To be tempy. Capt. while emplyd. as Station Accountant Officer:—Lieut. W. E. Harris, 7th North. Fusrs., T.F.

To be tempy. Capts (without pay and allowances of that rank) whilst emplyd. as Asst. Area Gas Officers (dated 25th Sept., 1918):—Tempy. Lieut. R. Reed, Serv. Batt., North. Fusrs.; Lieut. G. E. Crosk, M.C., 5th S. Staff. R., T.F.; Lieut. W. J. Sommerville, R.H. and P.F.A.

Maj. F. R. I. Athill, C.M.G., North. Fusrs., relinquishes the tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. on ceasing to be especially emplyd. (dated 23rd Nov., 1918).

To be tempy. Capt. (with pay and allowances as Lieut.) whilst emplyd. as Adjt.:—Tempy. Lieut. D. Whillans, Serv. Batt., North. Fusrs.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

SALONIKA.

Qrmr and Maj. W. M. Allan, O.B.E., 2nd Batt.
Lieut. (actg. Capt.) F. A. Price
Tempy Lieut. R. J. Rogers
No. 2156 Cpl. J Adams, 2nd Batt.
,, 19124 Pte. J. Bailey, 2nd Batt.

ITALY.

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

Maj. (tempy. Lieut.-Col.) H. R. Sandilands, D.S.O., North. Fusrs.
Maj. and Bt. Col. (tempy. Maj.-Gen.) T. H. Shoubridge, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., North. Fusrs.
Tempy. Lieut. A. G. Brown, 10th Batt.
Tempy. Lieut. E. L. G. Clegg, 11th Batt.
Capt. (actg. Maj.) E. E. Dorman-Smith, M.C., 10th Batt.
Lieut. J. H. Dunn-Yarker, 3rd Batt., attchd. 11th Batt.
Tempy. Lieut. W. G. Edgar, 11th Batt.
Tempy. Lieut. A. D. Ferguson, 10th Batt.
Tempy. Maj. R. H. Gill, D.S.O., 11th Batt.
Lieut. C. A. Hewitt, attchd. 11th Batt.
Tempy. Capt. J. W. Hunter, 11th Batt. (Lieut., S.R.)
Tempy. Lieut. J. C. Ray, 10th Batt.
Tempy. Lieut. E. G. Simons, 11th Batt.
Tempy. Capt. G. P. Sterling, D.S.O., M.C., 11th Batt.
Tempy. Capt. (actg. Maj.) E. Turnbull, attchd. 10th Batt.
No. 10547 Sgt. C. A. Bourn, 11th Batt.
,, 9141 Lce.-Sgt. (actg. Sgt.) P. A. Friend, 11th Batt.
,, 15994 Cpl. J. A. Hawley, 11th Batt.
,, 19938 Cpl. J. Smith, 11th Batt., attchd. 68th T.M. Battery
,, 6872 Sgt. (actg. C.S.M.) J. R. Turner, 10th Batt.
,, 55789 Lce.-Cpl. R. C. Walters, 11th Batt.
,, 19779 Sgt. C. Warburton, 10th Batt.
,, 14850 Sgt. R. Wile, 10th Batt.
,, 39114 Cpl. (Sgt.) A. Wilson, 10th Batt.
,, 21/881 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) R. Winter, 10th Batt.

HONOURS.

1st Jany., 1919.

SALONIKA.

O.B.E. (MILITARY DIVISION).

Qrmr. and Maj. W. M. Allan, 2nd Batt. North. Fusrs.

MILITARY CROSS.

Lieut. C. Smith, 2nd Batt. North. Fusrs.

ITALY.

M.B.E. (MILITARY DIVISION).

Tempy. Qrmr. and Lieut. W. Carlisle, 10th (S.) Batt. North. Fusrs.

TO BE MAJOR-GENERAL.

Maj. and Bt. Col. (tempy. Maj.-Gen.) T. H. Shoubridge, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

TO BE BREVET LIEUTENANT-COLONEL.

Maj. (tempy. Lieut.-Col.) W. H. Widdleton, D.S.O., Hamp. R., attchd. North. Fusrs.
Maj. (tempy.-Lieut. Col.) H. R. Sandilands, D.S.O., North. Fusrs.

MILITARY CROSS.

Tempy. Capt. F. W. Hird, 10th Batt. North. Fusrs.
Tempy. Lieut. N. Y. Wilson, 11th Batt. North. Fusrs.

MILITARY MEDAL.

No. 5108 Q.M.S. O. E. Delicate, 10th Batt. ([E] Newcastle-on-Tyne)
,, 10772 C.Q.M.S. H. Fail, 11th Batt. (Wickham)
,, 16129 Cpl. E. Westwood, 11th Batt. (Royston)
,, 31/29 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) J. S. Bolam, 11th Batt. Newcastle-on-Tyne)

War Office, 11th Jany., 1919.

BAR TO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Maj. and Bt.-Lieut.-Col. (actg. Lieut.-Col.) W. N. Herbert, D.S.O., 1st Batt. North. Fusrs..—He commanded his battalion with marked ability and skill, and when one of his advanced posts had been captured he organized and led a counter-attack, after a personal reconnaissance, whereby the position was recaptured, together with 59 prisoners. Later, after an assaulting battalion had been held up by heavy machine-gun fire and his battalion was in reserve, he was ordered to clear the situation, which, after a close reconnaissance under heavy machine-gun fire, he did with complete success and slight casualties. (D.S.O. gazetted 1st Jan., 1917).

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Lieut. B. R. Newstead, 1st Batt. North. Fusrs.—His company having been ordered to attack a very strong position which had held up the attacking battalion all day, he made a gallant personal reconnaissance, whereby he was able to dispose his company in so favourable a position that not only were all the objectives gained, and many prisoners and machine-guns taken, but patrols were pushed out, enabling the whole original objectives of the brigade to be occupied without further loss. His courage and inspiring example were of a very high order.

BAR TO MILITARY CROSS.

Lieut. (actg. Maj.) W. F. Horsley, M.C., 6th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F., attchd. 62nd Batt. M.G. Corps.—Whilst commanding a company during operations lasting for ten days he displayed throughout the greatest courage and enthusiasm, and his ceaseless energy and total disregard of danger enabled him to keep touch with his guns at all times. On one occasion, when the situation was obscure, he made a daring reconnaissance under

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heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and personally placed his guns in position on a threatened flank. (M.C. gazetted 26th July, 1918).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. F. H. Viner, M.C., 23rd Batt. North. Fusrs., attchd. 2/7th Batt., Liverpool R., T.F.—He led his platoon forward in an attack with great gallantry under intense machine-gun fire. He brought his men across 400 yards of open ground and reached the objective, though his platoon was then reduced to ten men. He himself was severely wounded, but remained at his post. It was mainly due to his personal courage and fine example of leadership that he got his men so far, in spite of the heavy casualties. (M.C. gazetted 16th Sept., 1918).

MILITARY CROSS.

Lieut. G. N. Blair, North. Fusrs., Spec. Res., attchd. 39th Batt. M.G. Corps.—For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in command of a company whose guns were detailed to hold an outpost line. He made a reconnaissance of the position, which was most exposed, and subsequently got his guns forward without delay or loss, and went from section to section arranging for an effective screen of fire in case of attack. During the whole of this time he was under shell fire, but his coolness inspired confidence in all ranks.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. F. Archer, M.M., 27th Batt. North. Fusrs., attchd. 2nd Batt. Linc. R.—When in command of a platoon during an advance his company was held up by intense machine-gun fire. He worked his platoon round skilfully to a flank, in spite of heavy casualties, thus materially assisting the advance to be continued. He showed complete disregard of danger, and his example and conspicuous courage imbued his men with confidence, which ensured success.

Tempy. Lieut. J. Carswell, 23rd Batt., attchd. 1st Batt. North. Fusrs.—For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In a hostile attack this officer was in command of the right front company, which at one time had one of its platoons completely surrounded. He collected what men he could of his support platoon and of the battalion on his right, and led a counter bombing attack, which was completely successful in routing the enemy, and resulted in the capture of forty prisoners. His prompt action gave the enemy no time to exploit their initial success.

NEW YEAR HONOURS.

War Office, 1st Jany., 1919.

C.M.G.

Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. (tempy. Brig.-Gen.) A. C. Girdwood, D.S.O., North. Fusrs.

Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. (tempy. Brig.-Gen.) E. P. A. Riddell, D.S.O., Rif. Brig.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Lieut.-Col. W. D. V. O. King, 17th Batt. North. Fusrs.

Capt. (actg. Lieut.-Col.) H. Liddell, M.C., 1/7th Batt. North. Fusrs. (T.F.)

MILITARY CROSS.

Lieut. F. C. Clayton, 6th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F., attchd. 149th Inf. Bde. H.G.

Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) H. Dargie, 12/13th Batt. North. Fusrs., attchd. 62nd Inf. Bde.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. G. Coventry, 8th Batt. North. Fusrs.

Capt. (tempy. Maj.) F. B. Cowen, 7th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F., attchd. 6th Batt. M.G.C.

Lieut. C. G. Luckford, 14th Batt. North. Fusrs.

Lieut. W. Bowerbank, North. Fusrs., Spec. Res., attchd. 36th Batt. M.G.C.

Tempy. Capt. G. S. S. Gordon, 17th Batt. North. Fusrs.

TO BE BREVET COLONEL.

Lieut.-Col. R. F. Roundell, North. Fusrs., Spec. Res.

Lieut.-Col. J. J. Gillespie, T.D., North. Fusrs., T.F.

TO BE BREVET LIEUTENANT-COLONEL.

Maj. (tempy. Lieut.-Col.) W. H. Wild, D.S.O., North. Fusrs.

TO BE BREVET MAJOR.

Capt. (actg. Lieut.-Col.) C. E. Lembcke, D.S.O., North. Fusrs., attchd. 25th Batt. L'pool R.

TO BE BREVET MAJOR ON PROMOTION.

Lieut. (tempy. Maj.) W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., 6th Batt. North. Fusrs. (T.F.)

O.B.E. (MILITARY DIVISION.)

Maj. O. H. Pedley, late North. Fusrs.

M.B.E. (MILITARY DIVISION.)

Lieut. W. D. C. Balls, 7th Batt. North. Fusrs. (T.F.)

Capt. A. P. Garnier, M.C., North. Fusrs.

BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL.

24th Jany., 1919.

No. 291114 Pte. G. Armstrong, M.M., 1st Batt. North. Fusrs. (Cullercoats) (M.M. gazetted 16th July, 1918).

,, 13080 Cpl. A. Bagnall, M.M., 10th (S.) Batt. North. Fusrs. (Newcastle-on-Tyne) (Italy). (M.M. gazetted 19th March 1918).

,, 15518 Sgt. W. McGill, M.M., 11th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Broxburn) (Italy) (M.M. gazetted 13th Sept., 1918).

MILITARY MEDAL.

No. 1434 C.S.M. F. T. Watson, 13th Batt. (Farnborough)

,, 60705 Sgt. W. Carmichael, 1st Batt. (York)

,, 41020 Sgt. A. Carr, 1st Batt. (Gateshead-on-Tyne)

,, 5001 Sgt. L. Chippendale, 10th Batt. (Bradford) (Italy)

,, 21320 Sgt. J. Cowdroy, 1st Batt. (Southward)

,, 17853 Sgt. W. Deakin, 1st Batt. (Rotherham)

,, 65155 Sgt. J. Gill, 1st Batt. (Skipton)

,, 29560 Sgt. J. R. Lisle, 1st Batt. (Durham)

,, 41835 Cpl. W. E. Beadnell, 10th Batt. (Hungate) (Italy)

,, 17170 Cpl. A. Ellmer, 10th Batt. (Rotherham) (Italy)

,, 16/1387 Cpl. J. Fletcher, 10th Batt (Willington) (Italy)

,, 14551 Cpl. (actg. Sgt.) J. Hogg, 1st Batt. (Hirst)

,, 46027 Cpl. (Lce.-Sgt.) A. Jacques, D.C.M., 13th Batt. (Leeds)

,, 34726 Cpl. (Lce.-Sgt.) J. W. Newton, 10th Batt. (Gateshead-on-Tyne) (Italy)

,, 25/535 Cpl. (actg. Sgt.) T. Parkin, 1st Batt. (Gateshead-on-Tyne)

,, 30038 Cpl. W. Sheldrick, 1st Batt. (North Shields)

,, 14930 Cpl. J. F. Stephens, 13th Batt. (Blyth)

,, 69580 Cpl. F. Trower, 9th Batt. (Haggestone)

,, 290168 Cpl. J. Weddell, 10th Batt. (Tweedmouth) (Italy)

,, 40932 Pte. J. Ashley, 10th Batt. (Haverton Hill) (Italy)

,, 60724 Pte. S. Beardmore, 13th Batt. (Bradford)

,, 64737 Pte. J. A. Bower, 9th Batt. (Blyth)

,, 22235 Pte. J. T. Callican, 1st Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)

,, 202097 Pte. A. D. Cook, 1st Batt. (Norwich)

,, 29005 Pte. J. Douglas, 1st Batt. (Acklington)

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No. 55469 Pte. T. Edwards, 10th Batt. ([E] Wrexham) (Italy)
,, 18/1378 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) E. Ensell, 10th Batt. (Gateshead-on-Tyne) (Italy)
,, 236976 Pte. J. E. Flynn, 1st Batt. ([E] Leeds)
,, 267497 Pte. J. G. Foster, 1st Batt. (Caythorpe)
,, 40472 Pte. P. Gilmartin, 1st Batt. (Glasgow)
,, 65327 Pte. W. Hindson, 1st Batt. (Carlisle)
,, 16267 Pte. E. Hudson, 11th Batt. (Hirst, Ashington)
,, 56111 Pte. M. H. Hudson, 1st Batt. (Amesly) (Italy)
,, 22/713 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) G. Kennedy, 1st Batt. (Haltwhistle)
,, 22/867 Pte. J. T. Patrick, 1st Batt. (Gateshead-on-Tyne)
,, 31942 Pte. L. Percival, 1st Batt. (Stratford)
,, 52885 Pte. F. Raw, 1st Batt. (Easington)
,, 15840 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) G. H. Redfern, 10th Batt. (Mansfield) (Italy)
,, 22320 Pte. E. Rogerson, 1st Batt. (Keighley)
,, 341281 Pte. J. Skipsey, 1st Batt. (North Shields)
,, 65226 Pte. T. C. Smith, 1st Batt. (Leeds)
,, 69344 Pte. A. E. Suskins, 13th Batt. (Islington)
,, 38427 Pte. T. Thompson, 1st Batt. (Derby)
,, 23/459 Pte. R. Turnbull, 9th Batt. (Wallsend-on-Tyne)
,, 36970 Pte. A. W. Turner, 1st Batt. (Bradford)
,, 3243 Bandsman J. Obey, 1st Batt. (Camberwell)
,, 65747 Cpl. A. L. Phillips (Monkseaton) 5th Batt.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

1st Jany.

No. 37708 Sgt. L. R. Naimby, 9th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Seaton Sluce)
,, 202041 Cpl. (actg. Sgt.) H. J. Allen, 5th Batt., T.F.
,, 17/170 Sgt. W. E. Vagg, 17th Batt. (York)
,, 15381 Cpl. W. Luke, 12/13th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Broompark, Durham)
,, 19/291 Sgt. G. H. Laing, 19th Batt. (South Shields)
,, 235657 Pte. R. Walker, 1st Batt. North. Fusrs. (Sunderland)
,, 265879 Cpl. T. McGillan, 1/4th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

1st Jany., 1919.

No. 17/144 S.M. B. J. Nichols, 17th Batt. (Ulleskelf)
,, 632 Tempy. S.M. J. H. Rowsell, 8th Batt. (Alnwick)
,, 17/238 C.S.M. F. J. H. Pearson, 17th Batt. (York)
,, 9484 Q.M.S. W. H. Stephens, 14th Batt. (Whitley Bay)
,, 19/1519 C.Q.M.S. W. Brotherton, 1st Batt. (Ashington)
,, 265061 C.Q.M.S. R. H. Chicken, 6th Batt. (T.F.) (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
,, 290337 C.Q.M.S. H. Rial, 7th Batt. (T.F.) (Notting Hill Gate)
,, 4773 C.Q.M.S. T. Sims, 8th Batt. (Felling)
,, 22/48 C.Q.M.S. J. C. Taylor, 22nd Batt. (Dunston-on-Tyne)
,, 290034 Sgt. J. Cairns, 7th Batt. (T.F.) (Morpeth)
,, 46412 Sgt. M. Emery, 13th Batt. (Stratford, E.)
,, 2050 Sgt. G. C. Forster, 1st Batt. (Wark-on-Tyne)
,, 200234 Sgt. F. E. Pagett, 4th Batt. (T.F.) (Corbridge-on-Tyne)
No. 10397 Sgt. H. Parker, 14th Batt. (Doncaster)
,, 265003 Sgt. H. T. Robinson, 6th Batt. (T.F.) (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
,, 6450 Sgt. (actg. C.Q.M.S.) S. Whitlam, 13th Batt. (Sheffield)
,, 242398 Cpl. A. Goodwin (now serving as 229125, Royal Fusiliers) (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
,, 3505 Cpl. (actg. Sgt.) E. G. A. Hayler, 1st Batt. (Southsea)
,, 290519 Cpl. W. R. Lame, 7th Batt. (T.F.) (Morpeth)
,, 10754 Cpl. O. McCardle, 13th Batt. (Bedlington)
,, 16/945 H. E. Vicker, 19th Batt. (Heaton)
,, 12159 Pte. (actg. Cpl.) W. H. Clough, 9th Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
,, 79025 Pte. H. Fisher, 36th Batt. (T.F.) (Cleethorpes)
,, 19/1225 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) F. Gibson, 19th Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
,, 37570 Pte. J. R. Hall, 10th Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
,, 265063 Pte. J. Hirst, 6th Batt. (T.F.) (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
,, 19/753 Pte. S. Roberts, 19th Batt. (Gateshead-on-Tyne)

CROIX DE GUERRE.

Maj. (tempy. Lieut.-Col.) B. D. Gibson, D.S.O., North. Fusrs. (T.F.)
Tempy Lieut. R. F. Smyth, M.C., North. Fusrs. (Serv. Batt.)
Capt. (tempy. Maj.) E. S. Swaine, M.C., North. Fusrs., attchd. A.C.C.

FOREIGN DECORATIONS.

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MEDAILLE MILITAIRE.

29th Jany., 1919.

No. 10/11807 Lce.-Cpl. J. Buglass, 1st Batt. North. Fusrs. (Cowpen Quay, Blyth)
,, 20/1321 Sgt. V. Lamb, 1st Batt. North. Fusrs. (Bensham, Gateshead-on-Tyne)
,, H/270100 Cpl. C. W. Parkinson, 1/1st Batt. North. Fusrs. (Brighton)
,, 75634 Lce.-Cpl. M. O'Brien, 4th Batt. North. Fusrs. (T.F.) (Canterbury)
,, 265509 Sgt. A. Parr, M.M., No. 1 Reception Batt. North. Fusrs. (North Shields, Northumberland)
,, 240503 Lce.-Cpl. T. Parry, 12/13th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Wallsend-on-Tyne)
,, 59 Sgt. G. Lake, 12/13th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Norwich)
,, 75463 Pte. (actg. Lce.-Cpl.) A. Daniels, Depôt North. Fusrs. (Southend-on-Sea)
,, 10773 R.S.M. G. Eastham, 12/13th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Chappington, North.)
,, 240478 R.S.M. R. Fletcher, 5th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Walker-on-Tyne)
,, 8087 Pte. G. Brooks, 14th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Jarrow-on-Tyne)

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PRISONERS OF WAR.

The following officers, who were prisoners of war in Germany, have been released and have arrived in England:

Maj. C. White, M.C.
Capt. C. G. Gasson, M.C.
,, J. C. Kirkup, M.C.
,, F. S. M. McKellen, M.C.
,, W. R. Allen
,, H. W. Firth, M.C., North. Fusrs., attchd. Linc. R.
,, F. W. Grinling
,, W. M. Dodds
,, S. A. Holman
,, R. Allen
,, G. Branfoot
,, F. H. McCaughey, R.A.M.C., attchd. North. Fusrs.
,, J. O. Byrne, M.C.
,, H. Graham
Lieut. H. H. Harrison
,, J. Watson
,, A. E. Glanville, R. Dub. Fusrs., attchd. North. Fusrs.
,, J. J. Holme
,, J. N. Hall
,, G. C. Snowdon
,, A. M. Sutherland, North. Fusrs., attchd. R.F.C.
,, H. V. Russell
,, F. W. Caswell, North. Fusrs., attchd. M.G.C.
,, F. J. Ives
,, J. W. Lough
,, J. W. Makepeace
2nd-Lieut. L. J. Ross, R. Ir. Rif., attchd. North. Fusrs.
,, ,, H. E. Findley
,, ,, A. Gibson
,, ,, A. P. Anderson, Durh. L.I., attchd. North. Fusrs.
,, ,, B. E. Astbury
2nd-Lieut. L. Langley
,, ,, E. J. Lawrence
,, ,, T. R. Lees, R.I., Rif., attchd. North. Fusrs.
,, ,, H. R. B. Bellerby, R. Ir. Rif., attchd. North. Fusrs.
,, ,, R. E. Fisher
,, ,, J. Parsons
,, ,, R. H. Quine
,, ,, W. L. McLean
,, ,, D. Geggie
,, ,, M. S. Bryce
,, ,, P. Bryce
,, ,, P. Graham
,, ,, N. C. Henry
,, ,, T. W. Senior, North. Fusrs. attchd. R. Fusrs.
,, ,, H. P. Mullen
,, ,, J. H. Nicholson
,, ,, W. S. Wray, North. Fusrs. attchd Durh. L.I.
,, ,, G. W. Lacey
,, ,, J. S. Stokoe
,, ,, W. L. Bowman
,, ,, G. E. D. Burbridge
,, ,, F. T. Davis
,, ,, A. N. Lawson
,, ,, A. E. Brown, North. Fusrs., attchd. T.M.B.
,, ,, A. E. Foster, North. Fusrs., attchd. Durh. L.I.
,, ,, C. R. M. Greenfield
,, ,, S. Weaterton
,, ,, T. A. Crofts
,, ,, H. F. Dodd
,, ,, P. J. Pascoe
,, ,, A. H. Royle

The following officers, who were prisoners of war in Germany, have been released, and have been retained in Denmark:—

Capt. J. McKinnon, M.C., Manch. R., (Lieut., North. Fusrs.)
Lieut. W. M. McLare
2nd-Lieut. W. Boyd

CORRECTION.

Capt. W. M. Dodds, North. Fusrs., should read—Capt W. R. Dodd, North. Fusrs.

Our Roll of Honour.

Lieut. Stanley Morpeth.

Lieut. Stanley Morpeth was the elder son of Mr. Joseph Morpeth, of 20, Eslington Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne. He was educated at the Newcastle Modern School. When war broke out he was serving his articles with Messrs. Dickinson, Miller and Turnbull, solicitors, of Newcastle; and after sitting for his Intermediate Examination, he offered himself for service, applying for, and being given a commission in the 6th Battalion on the 21st August, 1915. He

LIEUT. STANLEY MORPETH.

went out to the B.E.F. in June, 1916, and joined his first line unit. He returned home wounded in November, 1916. After serving again with his Reserve Unit at home, he again went out to his first line on the 27th July, 1917. He remained with his unit till the 10th April, 1918, when he was reported missing. It subsequently transpired that he was a prisoner, and wounded. He was kept in hospital near the western front until about the middle of October, when he was transferred to Ozersk, West Prussia, arriving there on 17th October. He had contracted influenza on the journey; pneumonia supervened, and he died on 22nd October, aged 22.

Stanley Morpeth was beloved by all those who came in contact with him. His early death is much regretted by all ranks.

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LIEUT. ALAN RYDER HALL.

Lieut. Alan Ryder Hall was the last surviving son of the late Mr. Sihrs Hall and Mrs. Hall, of Tokio,

LIEUT. ALAN RYDER HALL.

Japan. He was educated at Richmond School, York, and the Drexel College, Philadelphia, U.S.A. At the beginning of the war he held an appointment in Japan. He came home in March, 1915, and enlisted in the Inns of Court O.T.C. He received a commission in the 6th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers on 12th August, 1915. He joined his first line Battalion in France in October of the same year. With the exception of six months' time of duty in England he remained with his Battalion till he was killed in action on the 30th May, 1918 (he had volunteered for his special patrol duty). He was "mentioned in despatches" for his services on the Somme. He had a wonderful reputation as a "fighter" and "was of a most genial temperament." He will be greatly missed by all those with whom he came in contact. From the time of enlisting Lieut. Hall never had a day in hospital. He was aged 30.

Obituary.

It is with keen regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Lewis Wallace, which took place at Brighton, on 14th December last, at the age of 67. Of those 67 years, 40 were spent as a Fifth Fusilier, and the record of those years has already appeared in the pages of *St. George's Gazette*, written with Mr. Wallace's own pen. Mr. Wallace will be chiefly remembered by Fifth Fusiliers past and present for his services as bandmaster, which office he held for the last 20 years of his service. He served in the Afghan Expedition of 1879-80, and also in the Hazara Expedition of 1888, in which he was wounded and mentioned in despatches. He possessed the Afghan, Hazara (with clasp) and Indian G.S. Medals. Mr. Wallace was a keen marksman and won the Infantry Rifle Championship in India. He was also a great asset to the Regimental Games Committee, for he took a lively interest in all matters relating to sport of any kind.

BANDMASTER LEWIS WALLACE.

To his widow we tender our sympathy which we know is but the echo of that of all Mr. Wallace's former comrades.

Regimental Notes.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

It was only quite recently we heard of the passing away of our oldest comrade, Mr. Wallace, our late Bandmaster. He was every inch a gallant Fusilier and the older members of the Regiment will remember his very interesting memoirs of his 40 years with the 5th Fusiliers which appeared in these columns some few years ago. The 2nd Battalion, with which Mr. Wallace served 20 years as its Bandmaster, desire to offer Mrs. Wallace and her family their deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

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On the 8th January, Maj.-Gen. Jackson, D.S.O., Commanding the 50th Division, at a special parade of the Battalion at Wargnies le Grand, presented the decorations and awards to the following Officers, Non-Com. Officers and men for gallantry and good work in the last phases of the Great War. Before doing so he paid a high compliment to all ranks in saying how gratified he was to be able to tell them how much he appreciated their loyalty and devotion during the recent fighting in which they all took part and that this occasion would probably be the last he would have the pleasure to present such honours to the Battalion.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Maj. A. W. Muir, M.C.

MILITARY CROSS.

Capt. C. Smith
Capt. U. H. Dodd
Lieut. (actg. Capt.) R. J. Rogers
Lieut. W. H. Griffiths

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

No. 2156 Cpl. J. Adams

MILITARY MEDAL.

No. 3285 Cpl. W. Holloway
,, 29973 Cpl. J. Ingham
,, 2546 Sgt. B. Reeve
,, 31818 Cpl. E. Dalton
,, 44773 Lce.-Cpl. W. Nichol
,, 2227 Sgt. W. Oliver
,, 62173 Lce.-Cpl. T. Bamber
,, 62179 Pte. W. Pick
,, 58101 Pte. W. Wesson
,, 37176 Sgt. E. Gair
,, 3011 Pte. T. Fairhurst
,, 15116 Cpl. W. Scott
,, 19374 Lce.-Sgt. J. Stott
,, 79175 Lce.-Cpl. G. Rose
,, 948 Sgt. T. Tudor
,, 3467 Lce.-Cpl. H. Mylett
,, 7888 Lce.-Cpl. J. Molloy
,, 8223 Pte. A. Coates
,, 44301 Lce.-Cpl. E. Shannon

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On the 10th, Capts. W. Pattison and C. L. Redwood and escort arrived from England with the Colours. On the 17th the Colours were received on parade with full ceremonial honours. As the Battalion at present is comprised of all kinds of recruited men such as Derby men, Kitchener's Army and New Army, etc., the Commanding Officer (Lieut.-Col. A. C. L. Hardman-Jones) took the opportunity of the occasion in giving a very instructive address to the Battalion on the subject of the Colours and what they stood for in a battalion. First of all taking the King's Colours described how the various Colours came to form the Union of the three flags. England, Scotland and Ireland, in one, and next the Regimental Colours; its colour, battle honours, etc. To many of the men present, who had never seen the Colours on parade or perhaps had little knowledge of such matters, the occasion will long remain with them as certainly the most interesting event in their career as a war soldier.

2nd-Lieuts. C. Jones and A. G. Edwards were the Colour bearers on this auspicious occasion.

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The Battalion afterwards marched past the Colours saluting them in so doing. A Company had the honour of lodging them at the Officers' Mess in the Chateau, the band taking the place of the drums for this ceremony.

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On the 11th January, the vanguard of the new 2nd Battalion arrived in the shape of the Bandmaster and the band. We were pleased to see them and trust they will do their best to break the monotony by inspiring music. A band makes a wonderful difference to a battalion and its arrival is very welcome indeed. For the past four years we have had no music of our own and there were many occasions when we should have enjoyed its presence. The youthfulness of its members greatly perturbed the local inhabitants. Such young soldiers are not to be found in the French Army.

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The following is a list of honours and awards gained by the Battalion since its arrival in France and we congratulate the recipients and trust they may long be spared to enjoy them:—

MILITARY MEDAL.

No. 44710 Sgt. M. Wood
,, 948 Sgt. T. Tudor
,, 4376 Lce.-Cpl. J. Mortimer
,, 41685 Pte. C. Wood
,, 28756 Lce.-Cpl. C. E. Collins
,, 29576 Pte. W. H. Watts
,, 3467 Lce.-Cpl. J. Mylett
,, 241810 Pte. A. Macrow
,, 44301 Lce.-Cpl. E. Shannon
,, 6838 Lce.-Cpl. W. Griffiths
,, 31483 Pte. H. Sparks
,, 16903 Pte. C. Poole
,, 3/8553 Pte. J. Trett
,, 28845 Pte. T. McGee
,, 16722 Lce.-Cpl. A. L. Weddell
,, 14563 Actg. Cpl. J. Davidson
,, 205554 Cpl. T. M. Bell
,, 7888 Lce.-Cpl. J. Molloy
,, 29773 Lce.-Cpl. J. Ingham
,, 9568 Pte. F. Poole
,, 1028 Pte. G. Tate
,, 27/151 Pte. R. Craigie
,, 9594 Pte. D. Troake
,, 12357 Lce.-Cpl. M. Marshall
,, 3467 Lce.-Cpl. J. Mylett, M.M. Bar to M.M.
,, 3285 Lce.-Cpl. W. Holloway
,, 1743 C.Q.M.S. S. Hobson
,, 16899 Cpl. (actg. Sgt.) W. Butterfield
,, 62172 Pte. T. Bamber
,, 2782 Sgt. V. Gill
,, 3011 Pte. T. Fairhurst
,, 21443 Pte. R. Anderson
,, 37176 Sgt. E. Gair
,, 28910 Lce.-Cpl. D. J. Graham
,, 58101 Pte. W. Wesson

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No. 30201 Pte. A. Bowmer
,, 265058 Pte. H. Rye
,, 4086 Pte. W. Lowes
,, 16575 Pte. J. Brooke
,, 29758 Pte. T. Edmundson
,, 4870 Cpl. W. E. Longstaff
,, 31818 Sgt. E. Dalton
,, 79175 Lce.-Cpl. G. Rose
,, 22494 Pte. H. Martin
,, 6839 Lce.-Cpl. G. Cotgrave
,, 62179 Pte. W. Pick
,, 2546 Sgt. B. Reeve
,, 8223 Pte. A. Coates
,, 19374 Cpl. J. Stott
,, 44373 Lce.-Cpl. W. Nichols
,, 2227 Sgt. W. Oliver
,, 15116 Lce.-Cpl. W. Scott
,, 16347 Sgt. H. Laseby
,, 2542 Sgt. G. Bowes

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

No. 15441 Sgt. F. Bevington
,, 2156 Cpl. (Sig.) J. Adams
,, 2340 Sgt. W. Binnington
,, 3224 Actg. Sgt. E. Taylor
,, 21419 Pte. H. Oakley

HONOURS AND AWARDS.

(OFFICERS).

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Maj. C. R. Freeman, M.C.
Maj. A. W. Muir M.C.

BAR TO MILITARY CROSS.

Tempy. Capt. A. W. Muir, M.C.
Lieut. J. Stephenson, M.C.

MILITARY CROSS.

Lieut. W. H. Griffiths
Capt. U. H. Dodd
Capt. R. J. Rogers
Lieut. C. Smith

NEW YEAR HONOURS AND AWARDS.

For services in Macedonia:—

London Gazette, 4th January, 1919.

Maj. W. M. Allan, O.B.E.
Capt. C. Smith, M.C.

It was certainly a great improvement in the feature of the December number of the *St. George's Gazette* to see that the Notes were published under the old style of Battalion heading. This lends far greater interest to the Notes which reach you.

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To resume the account, which your correspondent of this Battalion sent for the December number, covering the remainder of the year 1918 is given now. Your correspondent, however, does not intend to enter at any length upon any of the series of operations undertaken by this Battalion since it entered into the last phase of the Great European War. The full history of these is left to the historian of the Regimental Records, who will no doubt in due course begin his little bit.

Life at Martin Eglise was quite a busy one and much time was occupied in all the newest stunts and arts of war that experience of the three previous years had brought out, including operations with the "Dummy" Tanks. Still, however, there was a great deal of sport thrown in as well in the way of football, concerts, cinemas, etc., while the people of Dieppe added their quota in the way of Fetes.

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Dinners in Dieppe were a frequent excuse for running in to town for the night and spending a pleasant hour or two.

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The Division held its Horse Show on the Race Course at Dieppe, on Sunday, the 18th August. The entries from Units were full. Judging had been going on a week previous and the result of these appeared in the Sunday Show. There were some excellent "Turnouts" in both Vehicles and Horses. From the length of time taken by the Judges their task appeared to be rather a difficult one. Unfortunately we did not carry off any 1st Prizes, but our turnout was satisfactory for the time we had between taking over animals and vehicles and the date of the show.

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The officers' jumping competition was good but quite a number of fine animals made a "splosh" of the water jump.

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A place of great interest at Dieppe was the Army Bakery where thousands of loaves of bread of excellent quality were turned daily. All the machinery in the bakery was of the latest type which enabled the bread to be turned out with practically no handling of the dough by human hands. We shall ever be grateful to the men and women (W.A.A.C.'s) who kept us so well supplied with our bread ration.

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On the 17th August Lieuts. J. J. Snailham, W. M. Collings, C. E. Crabbe and T. S. Crichton joined.

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On the 24th August Lieuts. J. Lees-Barton, R. Dunlop, E. Williams, R. Bentley and A. G. Houston joined.

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On the 25th August our Colonel-in-Chief, Gen. P. S. Wilkinson, paid us a visit. We were very glad to see him looking so well and regretted that he was unable to dine with us.

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On the 29th August Lieut. L. A. Ward joined.

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On the 3rd September Monsieur H. Vaussin, French Interpreter, joined.

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On the 4th Lieut. A. Woodhead, M.C., joined.

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On the 15th the Battalion, as part of the Brigade, entrained at night and left for an unknown destination, on arrival at Doullans next morning it detrained and marched to Pommera where it was billeted until the 26th.

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On the morning of the 16th we were delightel to see an old member of the Battalion run into our chateau grounds in a huge car and on his landing we were very delighted to welcome Maj. O. B. Foster looking more weighty than

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ever. After breakfast he took the Colonel and Quartermaster over to Hannes Camp to see the 1st Battalion but on arrival found they had flown a couple of days before.

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On the 22nd another old officer turned up in the person of Col. Platt, his visit was very brief, as generally all members of the Staff make them. However, he promised to come back another day and stay for lunch, which he did a couple of days later. He gave us much news concerning everybody we desired to hear about.

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On the 26th the Division moved towards the line, in order to do this the Battalion was taken forward on lorries as far as Cardonette where we spent the night and following day. On the 28th we resumed our journey, also by lorry, passing via Amiens and Albert to Combles. This trip took us through the devasted area of France. We bivouaced at Combles till the 1st October.

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On the morning of the 1st the Battalion moved by march route to Nurlu where it bivouaced for the night, marching next day via Ephey to dugouts near Ronssoy, and at three a.m. on the 3rd it went into action at Bony, afterwards deploying two companies on Prospect Hill and the other two on Le Catelet. The fighting round these points was of a somewhat desperate nature. Capt. H. S. King, M.C., was the first officer to pay the supreme sacrifice. On the 4th the fighting in and on the fringe of Le Catelet was severe. The village was captured and the enemy's position just beyond captured. To reach this objective the men, who were led by Maj. C. R. Freeman, M.C., had to cross a stream waist deep under heavy machine gun fire, and across open ground to the trenches held by the enemy. In this attack Maj. Freeman was severely wounded and Lieut. O. Carr-Ellison killed.

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On the 5th the Battalion took up a reserve position at Gouchy and at night assisted in the final capture of Prospect Hill.

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On the 6th the Battalion continued in action against Villers Outreaux. In the evening it retired to Bony, the enemy then being in full retreat.

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On the 8th the transport was moved to a point S.E. of Venduille while the Battalion remained at Bony. During this period the weather was somewhat unsettled and cold. On the morning of the 9th the Battalion continued its march to Serain where it was billeted for the night. Next morning it continued its march on towards Ruemont which was reached in the afternoon.

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On the 10th Lieuts. R. J. Bird, J. C. Atkinson, J. C. Lumsden, A. F. Macdonald and R. W. Welsh joined.

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On the 11th the Battalion took up a position just west of Le Cateau. Lieut. H. E. Gardener was wounded and went off smilingly to Blighty.

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On the 12th Lieut. J. C. Lumsden, while on patrol duty, was killed by a shell.

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Lieuts. E. S. Burhouse, C. P. Cater and C. G. Read joined for duty.

On the 13th the Battalion remained in position. The transport lines was heavily shelled, causing some casualties among other of the Brigade Transport, but we were fortunate to move out to more open ground without any damage. The Quartermaster and his party remained till morning.

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On the 14th the Battalion moved to a new position two miles east of Ruemont where it continued during the 15th and 16th, and on the 17th it went into action to the South of Le Cateau. Later in the day it was sent to Le Cateau Railway Station in reserve to the Scottish Horse, but itself went into action on the 18th to the East of the railway rounding up some machine gun positions. It was for his leadership in this attack that Capt. U. H. Dodd was awarded the M.C.

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On the 18th Lieut. J. B. Wilson was killed.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

EAST BOLDON,
25th January, 1919.

It is almost with a sense of adventure that one pens the familiar numeral of the Battalion and the name of its local habitation at the head of these notes; almost with a furtive glance over one's shoulder lest the grim pressure of censorial Nemesis or outraged "Dora" should stay one's hand or freeze the ink in one's pen. But, re-assured, one dashes down the once-forbidden words in a fine frenzy of freedom and proceeds to the untrammelled record of yet another month of our none too rapidly closing war-history.

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On Monday, 13th January, the colours were brought from the Depot and returned to the Battalion. The Colour-bearers (Lieuts. C. E. Picker and L. E. W. Hopwood) and the escort for the Colours under Lieut. E. M. Watts received the Colours at the Barracks, Newcastle, and were played down to the Central Station by the 1st Battalion Band. They left by the 10.47 a.m. train for East Boldon, where they arrived at 11.9 a.m., being met at the station by the Commanding Officer, Col. R. F. Roundell, Maj. C. P. Hawkes (Second-in-Command) an officers' party and a reception company under Captain G. Nesbit, M.C. The Parade was under the command of Maj. G. C. Holderness. The Colours were then escorted by the troops, preceded by the drums of the Battalion, to the Officers' Mess, where they were lodged with full ceremonial.

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Brig.-Gen. Hibbert, C.B., D.S.O., Commanding No. 1 Section Tyne Garrison, was present with his staff and many officers of Service Battalions now serving with the 3rd Battalion, including Maj. Edlmann, D.S.O. and Maj. Gush, D.S.O., M.C.

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Our congratulations to our Commanding Officer on his well deserved Brevet-Colonelcy and on his victory in the Skipton Division of Yorkshire in the General Election, when as Coalition candidate he was returned at the top of the Poll by a majority of 2281, are as warm as our hearts are deep at the inevitable consequences of the latter, which are his demobilization as a member of Parliament and his relinquishing of the command which he has held since March, 1914.

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Col. Roundell joined the 3rd Battalion before the South African War, during which he served at the Depôt and with the Battalion at Malta as a Company Commander under Col. Lord Algernon Percy. He continued as Major under Lieut.-Col. R. J. Roddam, from whom he eventually took over Command in the year in which the outbreak of the war followed the conclusion of his first Battalion Training as Commanding Officer. Col. Roundell carries with him to Westminster the best wishes of all ranks for a successful political career. His active connection with the 3rd Battalion has lasted for over twenty years.

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Bandmaster Steffan, Band-Sergt. Slater and the 2nd Battalion Band, which has cheered on marches and parades, on dances, concerts and guest-nights for four years, have left us to sooth the savage breasts of their own Battalion and introduce harmony into its relations with the vanquished Hun. We shall miss them sadly, but rejoice to think that the 2nd, after all its wanderings and vicissitudes, once again has a band at its head to play the Grenadiers and a band, withal, most of the members of which have learnt to be Fusiliers under our auspices.

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Demobilization and Discharge are robbing the Battalion of many old and faithful friends. Sergt. Drummer R. Ball has left us for discharge, to the regret of all who have served with him. R.S.M. Horspole an old 3rd Battalion N.C.O., born and bred, in a military sense, in the 3rd Battalion and one of the few Special Reserve N.C.O.'s to reach substantive rank as R.S.M., has gone for demobilization, with Sergt. Wilson, another N.C.O. of old Alnwick days. C.S.M. Wilkinson, C.Q.M.S. Hannay and Sergt. Fox have gone, and Sgt. Stockton, who has been one of our finest instructors since the war began, has also been "civilianized," unfortunately through illness contracted whilst on duty. These partings will become more frequent as dispersal proceeds, but the memories of those who helped the Old Battalion in its hard task through these four long and difficult years will never fade in the recollection of those who were privileged to do duty with them.

C.P.H.

9th (NORTH. HUSSARS) BATTALION NOTES.

Vruchelles-le-Quesnoy.
20th January.

Yet once again we make our monthly appearance the continuation of which we have maintained with a faithful regularity only challenged, among fighting Battalions, by our respected fellow-scribe "Pioneer." It is strange now to look back on a legion dugouts, billets and even open trenches wherein these notes have been compiled. From the Hell whose other name was the salient, to Armentieres and the Lys valley, down through Arras by St. Leger and Gommecourt, out across the dreary Somme wastes from Quadrangle to Combles, south to the great rolling hill country around St. Quentin, with Cambrai and the land east of it looming large in better days. Village and camp and "bivvy," good, bad and indifferent, intact, semi-detached and entirely deficient. And now it is all over and but one thing matters—our "tickets."

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Daily we attend "Demob. Parade" to say farewell to friends and some who are more even than friends. Quietly and quickly our beloved Battalion dwindles..... The miners went first, two hundred and seventy odd of the best men who ever lined a trench. They have, together with Quaysider and yeoman, hewed a hard face throughout a long shift and we can never forget the part they played in making and keeping our reputation in three successive Divisions during push and counter push, "tour" and "rest." Since their departure a steady stream of all ranks representative of every calling has continued and the day rapidly approaches when we become what is officially termed a cadre, but is better described as a skeleton.

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I will not say that anyone is sorry to turn their faces towards home but to many a twinge and even a wrench makes itself felt while a feeling lingers of something lost... We don't say much but there is often a very great deal in a parting handshake and a conventional "good-bye." And once more and perhaps stronger than ever comes the eternal memory of those of us we are leaving behind us, for whom the sight of the pithead, the sounds of yard and shop, the scent of the fellside on a spring morning are not. But we like to think they know we will not forget.

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2nd-Lieut. Hillary and staff are our most important allies just now. There is no truth in the report that this officer has recently placed large sums of money to his credit account. (Abbeville does not encourage thrift). Neither is there any foundation in the rumour that an American Bar will shortly be established in the "Demob. Office." There is attraction enough already.

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On the whole we are enjoying the social whirl at present. The Battalion theatre is having a busy season and various excellent shows have drawn packed houses. Farewell dinners are popular too. Recently we have met many old acquaintances of the "dot-dash" division who are lying near-by.

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Maj. I. G. C. Brady, D.S.O., M.C., has left us for the Corps Concentration Camp where he has been appointed 2nd in Command. His departure caused a very big gap in our midst. He will probably be shortly returning to his native Australia and the very best wishes of all will go with him. All, I should say, who knew him as one of the most popular officers we ever had, as well as one of the bravest and most capable.

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Football has taken up a large share of our time lately. No. 9 Platoon won the Platoon Championship of the Battalion and are now waiting to play in the final of the Brigade Competition. A good team, they have thoroughly deserved their success, and are to be congratulated on keeping a side together despite many difficulties. B Company did well in the Divisional Company Cup, just failing to reach the final. Some excellent inter-company games have taken place and teams have lost none of their old keenness.

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It is almost impossible these days to mention specially anyone who has been lately demobilized. However, I think no one will disagree with a short paragraph referring to a well known officer in the person of Capt. G. M. L. Logie. Capt. Logie enlisted in the very early days in the old Quayside Company and served for a long period with it until returning to England for a commission. He rejoined us in September, 1916, and has served continually since then

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having been through several "shows." Ultimately he obtained command of his old company, a fitting conclusion to a very creditable military career. We wish him all luck on his return to civil life.

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On Friday, 10th January, the Battalion was presented with its colours by the Divisional Commander. Lieut. Robinson, M.C., had the honour of receiving the flag from the General, while the escort comprised C.Q.M.S. Crapper, Sgt. Stothard, and Sgt. Jagger, D.C.M., M.M. The ceremony was favoured by perfect weather and went with a rare swing, the drill and march past being carried out in first class style. The General's speech was very complimentary and everyone on parade considered this, our last formal appearance, a very successful wind up of our four and a half years' existence as a Service Battalion of the Regiment.

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Our band has had its critics but now that it is scattered to the winds we realise that it gave us many a helping hand while on trek and we appreciate its gallant assistance accordingly. We will always associate Drum Sergeant Holland and his satellites with the memory of stepping out all those last kilos to the strains of the "Grenadiers" not forgetting either "Blaydon Races."

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In view of our impending total eclipse there is a widespread hope that some scheme may be devised by which all members of the Battalion, past and present, will be enabled to keep touch. A 9th Battalion Old Comrades' Association is a popular proposal. So far nothing definite has been decided upon but I hope next month to give full details. A notice will be found elsewhere in this issue and I trust a good rally may result so that we may carry on that spirit of tradition and comradeship born in the days when we came forward because something told us it was the only thing to do, that spirit which came to France with us in July, 1915, and has grown and strengthened throughout the days of conflict now behind us.

E.G.B.

NOTICE!!!

9th (North'd. Hussar) Bn. North'd. Fusiliers.

The formation of an "Old Comrades' Association" is proposed whereby all past and present members of the Battalion may keep in permanent touch.

We want suggestions and promises of membership urgently from all who have ever served with us.

Please address all correspondence to Lieut. E. G. Bates, 9th (North. Hussars) Batt. North. Fusrs., B.E.F., or The Spital, Hexham, Northumberland.

16TH BATTALION NOTES.

The Lord Mayor of Newcastle has received the following letter from the War Office dated 31st December, 1918, relative to the services rendered during the war by the 16th (Service) Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers and the disbandment of the Battalion:--

"War Office, London, S.W., December 31st, 1918.

"My Lord,—I forward the following brief statement of the services rendered to the country during the present hostilities by the 16th (Service) Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers (Newcastle), feeling sure that it will be of great interest to you and to all those connected with the Regiment.

"The recent re-organisation of infantry in France involved the disbandment of certain battalions, amongst which is the 16th (Service) Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

"The Battalion was formed in September, 1914, and after undergoing training in England, the Battalion left Codford for France in November, 1915, landing at Boulogne on November 23rd. It was sent to the southern area held by our forces between Arras and the Somme, and trained there under the Eighteenth Division.

"For the first six months of 1916 the Division was holding the line in the Thiepval neighbourhood, and attacked that place on 1st July. It was able on 12th July to repulse a counter attack near Ovillers. It was then sent to the Cambrai area, and was there at Cuinchy till the end of October, when it returned to the Somme, and was employed against the Schwaben Redoubt on 19th November.

"During the winter of 1916-17 it was at Courcelles and at Beaumont Hamel, making a successful local attack on 10th February, and repulsing a counter-attack next day.

"In March, the Battalion took part in the advance across the territory evacuated by the Germans, being in touch with the French on the right, moving by Nesle to Offoy. It was in the line opposite St. Quentin in April, but moved to Flanders in June, being posted in the coast sector near Nieuport. The Battalion was employed in assisting the 11th Borderers during the German attack on the Lombartzyde salient on 10th July, and received the congratulations of the Corps Commander on their conduct. They remained in this area till October, carrying out two successful raids and repulsing a German attack. In November they were moved to a position nearer Ypres and made a small advance on 16th December. They were still in the Ypres salient in February, 1918, when the Battalion was disbanded, being distributed between the four Territorial Force Battalions of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

"In every engagement in which this Battalion took part it upheld the brilliant and glorious traditions of the Northumberland Fusiliers to which it belonged.

"Battalions of this Regiment have served in all quarters of the globe, and have taken part in such historic battles as Wilhelmstahl, St. Lucia 1778, Rolica, Vimiera, Corunna Busaco, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajos, Salamanca, Vittoria, Nivelle, Orthes, Toulouse, Peninsula, Lucknow, Khartoum, and in the campaigns in Afghanistan 1878-80 and South Africa 1899-1902, taking part in the battle of Modder River.

"Although the 16th Battalion has been disbanded, the officers, warrant officers, non-comissioned officers, and the men have not been lost to the Northumberland Fusiliers; they have all been drafted into other battalions of the Northumberland Fusiliers, and will continue to uphold the name and traditions of this Regiment with the same spirit, loyalty, and esprit-de-corps as they have done in the 16th (Service) Battalion.—Yours, etc.,

"P. C. C. MACDOUGH, *Lieutenant-General,*
Adjutant General to the Forces."

19TH (SERVICE) BATTALION NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (PIONEERS).

The festive season *was* festive. Matters had settled down, everybody was more comfortable, and time could be given to a full round of enjoyment. Each Company was allotted a goodly sum, and they spent it. Needless to

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enumerate all the good things that were bought, but a merry Christmas was the result. The festivities carried on until after the New Year opened; the only regret was

"EVERYBODY WAS COMFORTABLE."

that the members of the Newcastle and Gateshead Chamber of Commerce were not present to see how their generous donation was utilised.

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On the 27th December, a novelty was tried with great success. After the red-tape entanglement was passed, reinforcements came up from Calais—two bus-loads of W.A.A.C.'s. The dance was highly appreciated and the

"DANCING WITH THE W.A.A.C.'S."

men showed that *they* too could dance. An encore was indicated. On the second occasion, three lorry-loads of men went to Calais for the return match, and it was even more successful than the first. The W.A.A.C.'s are hereby thanked publicly for their kindness to all, for their exhibition of graceful dancing, and for the jolliest night yet experienced in France.

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Demobilization proceeds, and cuts nasty gaps in the Battalion. The teams are mere shadows and in the second round of the Divisional Tournament, the Soccer team was beaten by the M.T. Coy. and, after a drawn game, the Rugger team was beaten by 3 points to nil by the H.L.I. Two boxers still uphold our honour; but it is likely that they both leave us ere the next round is fought. The harrier team is rapidly dwindling. However, good luck to them all in their civil life.

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"Now a word about the transport."

The Transport is happy. After several "hard lucks" they are the champions of the Division, and a silver bugle is added to the collection of plate earned in competitions.

"WHAT THE —— DO YOU MEAN BY HAVING THAT 4TH CHEVRON."

Congratulations! The men worked hard and fully deserved their victory. Yet that is no excuse for the Transport Sergeant showing obvious hopes of becoming the conductor of the band, now that the Sergeant-Drummer has returned to civil life.

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Ere these notes appear, we'll have celebrated our third year in France, and up go the fourth blue chevrons. One enterprising youth, however, having got a new jacket, thought to save himself (and the tailor) the labour of having the extra one put on; he was a few days previous with his fourth when he appeared with the new guard. The R.S.M. nearly had a hemorrage.

"You came out with the Battalion?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then what the ——— do you mean by having that fourth blue chevron up?"

"Well, sir, I'll be entitled to it in a fortnight's time and ———."

"My lad, if I wore now the things I'll be entitled to in a fortnight, I'd be mounting this ruddy guard in a bowler hat."

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The honours still flow in and congratulations are offered to the recipients of the following:—

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If you allow free adverts., Mr. Editor, I submit the following:—

WANTED.—A lecturer who can compress the salient features of Regulations for Demobilisation into a 10 hours lecture. Must be able off-hand to quote exceptions and answer all questions. One month *only* is allowed for reading the Regulations for Demobilisation. Apply at any Orderly Room. Successful applicant will be given the right, before beginning work to select his final abode in Bedlam, Coxlodge or Morpeth Asylums.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
31st January, 1919.

THIS being the first number of a new volume we hope that all our readers will cast their eyes upon the advertisements which appear in our pages, and we hope moreover, that they will support our advertisers when possible by dealing with them.

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If any returned prisoner of war can give any information as to what became of any of the officers and men mentioned below will they kindly communicate at once with the people whose names and addresses are given, or to the Editor *St. George's Gazette.*

Capt. Passingham, M.C., missing on 3rd May, 1917, at Monchy le Preux. Write to Mrs. Passingham, Sion House, Mount Sion, Tunbridge Wells.

Lieut. (tempy. Capt.) W. H. C. Bucknall. Write to Mrs. H. C. Bucknall, 28, Kensington Court Mansions, London, W.8.

Capt. R. S. Fletcher, missing 1st Nov., 1914, at or near Wytschoete. Write to Mrs. Fletcher, Elmscroft, West Farleigh, Maidstone.

No. 34476 Pte. J. W. Humphrey, Z Coy., 1st Batt. Missing at Monchy le Preux, on 3rd May, 1917. Write to Mrs. Humphrey, 16, Newcastle Road, Monkwearmouth.

We beg to tender our thanks to Lieut.-Col. Morley who has given us much valued assistance in sub editing the Casualty List.

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We have to congratulate Maj. R. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., on his marriage to Miss Minna Platt which took place on the 21st January at St. Mary's Church, Dorchester, and to express our hope and wish that long years of happiness are in store for Maj. and Mrs. Booth.

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Now that the roar of battle has given place to the calmer air of the armistice, and the hand of the Censor is somewhat less ruthless, may we hope that Battalion correspondents will imitate the modest violet at springtime, and, like that welcome flower which peeps coyly forth from out the mossy bank (vide most spring poets!!) emerge from the tomblike silence of these years of warfare with reams of notes. There surely must be much of interest to write about and we hope that life in an Army of Occupation leaves a few moments of leisure, also that someone can be found to spare a portion of those moments away from the giddy delights of the "Jazz Halls" for the benefit of the Regimental Paper.

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The word paper reminds us that the price of that commodity has so advanced in spite of the armistice that the cost of publication this year has had to be increased by 25 per cent. To meet this additional outlay and to enable us if possible to enlarge our size we hope that as many officers as possible will become subscribers.

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We hope that the *St. George's Gazette* will not lose a large number of subscribers owing to the demobilization of the numerous units of the Fifth which formed part of the New Army. We should like to think that it was a means by which those who have served with the Regiment through the war kept in touch with one another in years to come and we would be glad to receive any suggestions as to how this may be best accomplished.

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Subscriptions are due from the following during the month of February:—

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The following *Gazettes* are at the printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

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Letter to the Editor.

January, 1919.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Will you kindly insert the following short statement of accounts, showing how the balance of the 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers Comfort Fund, £69 11s. has been spent.

Yours truly,

V. G. WILD.
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To THE EDITOR, *St. George's Gazette.*

WAR DIARY OF THE "COMMERCIALS."

It has been decided to complete histories of the three Battalions raised by the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, and it is hoped to present copies to all men, or their next-of-kin, who enlisted prior to October, 1915.

The following officers have kindly agreed to act as Battalion editors:—

16th North. Fusrs. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Little.
18th North. Fusrs. Lieut.-Col. J. Shakespear, C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O.
19th North. Fusrs. Capt. and Adjt. C. H. Cooke, M.C.
Quayside Company of 9th North. Fusrs. Lieut. Woods.

At the request of the Military Committee, I have undertaken the duties of Honorary-General-Editor, and the Comrades Leagues of the 16th, 18th and 19th Battalions will help in the collection of material.

I shall be very pleased to receive contributions from any Officer, N.C.O. or man who may at any time have served with these units; copies of letters or diaries written during the early days of training or while in France would add to the interest of the proposed records.

In order that the rolls of officers and men may be as complete as possible, may I request all who have been transferred from the "Commercials" to other units to send me a few lines giving their latest rank and unit, this especially applies to the original men of B Company, 9th Service Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers.

Yours, etc.,

ALFRED BREWIS,
Honorary General Editor.

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The following are gratefully acknowledged:—

Miss Fishbourne, socks and mittens.

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"Quo fata vocant."

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THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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DEATH.

BETT.—At Aberdeen, on the 21st inst., from pneumonia, Roderick St. George (Gordon Highlanders), only son of Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Bett, "Craigielea," Newcastle-on-Tyne. Aged 20 years.

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

ESTABLISHMENTS.

The following tempy. appointments are made:—

PHYSICAL TRAINING.

ASST. SUPT.—Lieut. L. C. P. Scaife, 4th Batt. Northd. Fusrs., T.F., and to be tempy. Capt. whilst so emplyd., *vice* Lieut. J. Hall, 6th R. Scots, T.F., who relinquishes the tempy. rank of Capt. (dated 18th Dec., 1918).

HEADQUARTERS FOR EMBARKATION DUTIES.

ASST. EMB. STAFF OFFICER. (CL. GG).—Lieut. F. E. Dotchin, 6th Northd. Fusrs., T.F. (dated 23rd Dec., 1918).

Tempy. appointments at the War Office:—

G.S.O.'s, 3RD GRADE.—Maj. A. M. Gibbes, Res. of Off., relinquishes his appointment (dated 10th Febry.).

D.A.A.G.—Capt. G. S. Haggie, M.C., 5th Northd. Fusrs., T.F., from a Staff Capt., and to be tempy. Maj. while so emplyd. (dated 10th Febry.).

D.A.Q.M.G., and to be tempy. Maj. while so emplyd.:—Capt. O. G. Blayney, M.C., 6th Batt. Northd. Fusrs., T.F. (dated 17th Dec., 1918).

ASST. PROV. MARSHAL (Cl. EE.).—Capt. G. L. Bradley, 4th Batt. Northd. Fusrs., and to be tempy. Maj. whilst so emplyd.

COMDR. (TEMP.).—Maj.-Gen. T. H. Shoubridge, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., *vice* Maj.-Gen. G. J. Cuthbert, C.B., C.M.G. (dated 8th Febry.).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Cadets to be tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. under the provisions of the Royal Warrant dated 30th Dec., 1918, promulgated in Army Order 1 of 1st Jany., 1919:—W. E. Messer, C. Dawson, J. Middlemiss, G. T. Dodds, M.M., B. Morley, R. P. Graham, S. Morley, R. H. Mordue, W. Murphy, J. Noble, T. W. Piggford, W. F. Renner, W. H. Pringle, A. H. Crowther, R. W. Ransom, J. S. Blackburn, J. R. Renner, M.M., S. Borrow, C. Robson, F. D. Corsbie, R. H. Snowdon, W. Gibson, T. E. Steel, T. Hall, J. Wallace, W. S. Harley, W. S. Weatherill, A. Hughes, W. Wild, D.C.M., R. J. Kirsop, G. S. Lapping, T. O. Lunn, A. McCartney (dated 3rd Febry.); J. A. Dempster, W. T. Edmiston, G. R. Love, F. Bell, R. Chaytor, T. Dowley, W. D. A. Horrocks, F. Storey, A. Stroud, A. H. C. Pickering, R. White, F. Carr, R. P. Davison, F. Hymers, S. Landreth, A. L. Morton, T. M. Nooman, G. W. Pyke, W. J. S. Scott, N. Wood (dated 4th Febry.); G. P. F. Bowers, F. Harrison (dated 6th Febry.).

Lieut. J. H. Hogshaw, M.C., to be actg. Capt. whilst cmndg. a Coy. (dated 18th Dec., 1918). Lieuts. to be actg. Capts. (addtl.):—E. G. Pease, M.C. (dated 13th Nov., 1918); C. Smith (dated 19th Nov., 1918); T. L. C. Redwood (dated 20th Nov., 1918); W. E. Richardson, 4th Batt., T.F. (dated 4th Dec., 1918); tempy. Lieut. R. J. Rogers, Ser. Batt., from actg. Capt. (addtl.), to be actg. Capt. whilst cmndg a Coy. (dated 5th Nov., 1918); 2nd-Lieut. T. A. C. Holmes, M.C., 5th Batt., T.F., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (dated 4th Dec., 1918).

Tempy. Lieut. R. Brown, Ser. Batt., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (dated 29th Dec., 1918). 2nd-Lieuts. to be Lieuts.:—W. Davis (dated 1st July, 1917), but not to reckon for pay or allowances prior to 25th June, 1918; C. Girdlestone (dated 27th Dec., 1918).

Capt. R. T. K. Auld to be Maj. (dated 1st Sept., 1915).

2nd-Lieut. (now Lieut.) W. Pattison to be Adjt., *vice* Capt. C. R. Freeman, M.C., and to be actg. Capt., with pay and allowances as Lieut. while so emplyd. (dated 27th May, 1918).

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

SER. BATTS.—Cdts. to be tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. under the provisions of the Royal Warrant dated 30th Dec., 1918, promulgated in Army Order 3 of 1st Jany.:—G. A. Sylph, L. B. Scott (dated 3rd Febry.); R. Hogg, J. C. Purvis, H. Hulm, A. E. Sheldrick, S. H. Thompson (dated 5th Feby.).

Tempy. Capt. J. Garvie to be Adjt., *vice* tempy. Capt. G. S. S. Gordon (dated 4th Oct., 1918); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. F. C. Rogers relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 11th Febry.), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. G. Cowley resigns his commn. on appt. to R.A.F. (dated 3rd Nov., 1918).

Tempy. Lieut. J. T. Nuttall relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (addtl.) Bedf. R. (dated 24th Oct., 1918).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. A. Bell resigns his commn. on appt. to R.A.F. (dated 9th Nov., 1918).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.: G. Keeran (dated 26th Oct., 1918), with precd. next below D. G. S. Gorrill; J. H. J. Edgeley, with precd. next below F. J. Dennett, J. E. M. Grant (dated 27th Dec., 1918).

SCO. RIF.—Maj. W. Gibson (Northd. Fusrs.) (Res. of Off.) to be actg. Lieut.-Col. while cmndg. a Batt. (dated 12th Nov., 1918).

Capt. J. R. Wharton (5th Batt., R. War. R., T.F.) to be actg. Maj. while Sec. in Cmnd. of a Batt. (dated 7th Dec., 1918); tempy. Lieut. J. W. Pigg relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 20th Febry.), and retains rank of Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. Fairman, M.C., to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 30th Nov., 1918), precd. next above W. J. Skinner.

Tempy. Lieut. W. Forsyth relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 6th Febry.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. N. G. Boggon resigns his commsn. on appt. to R.A.F. (dated 29th June, 1918).

The resignation of his commsn. by tempy. 2nd-Lieut. R. E. Cowell, notified in *Gazette*, 3rd Dec., 1918, is cancelled.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. R. Miller to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 27th Dec., 1918), precd. next above B. Horner.

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Tempy. Lieut. J. R. Davies relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 2nd Febry.), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. G. M. Edmonds to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 30th Nov., 1918), with precd. next below E. G. Smith.

Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) R. V. Lees, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 16th Febry.) and retains the rank of Capt.

Tempy. Lieut. P. C. Young relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 14th Febry.), and retains the rank of Lieut. Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—H. W. Anderson, precd. next below M. H. Wilson; B. Horner, precd. next above A. R. Thompson (dated 27th Dec., 1918). Tempy. 2nd-Lieut F. F. Herdman relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 14th Febry.), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. L. Townsend resigns his commsn. on appt. to R.A.F. (dated 23rd Oct., 1918).

SPECIAL RESERVE.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

3RD NORTHD. FUSRS.—2nd-Lieuts. to be Lieuts.:—H. Donald (dated 1st Sept., 1918); W. R. Bowden (dated 28th Sept., 1918); W. T. B. Joss, M.C. (dated 26th Oct., 1918); J. S. Spiers, T. M. Vale, J. W. McGuffog (dated 27th Dec., 1918).

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

4th Batt.—Lieut. J. H. C. Scott relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 14th Febry.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. E. Marr to be Lieut., and to remain secd. (dated 28th Sept., 1918); 2nd-Lieut. C. W. Mackenzie is secd. for service with 43rd Garr. Batt., R. Fusrs. (dated 8th Dec., 1918); 2nd-Lieut. H. J. Bailes is secd. for service with Lab. Corps (dated 16th Dec., 1918).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. W. A. Kipling to be Lieut. (dated 1st Febry.).

Cdts. to be 2nd-Lieuts. under the provisions of the Royal Warrant, dated 30th Dec., 1918, promulgated in Army Order 1 of 1st Jany.:—

4th Batt.—W. E. McGee (dated 3rd Febry.), T. H. Thompson (dated 8th Febry.).

5th Batt.—Lieut. F. Haswell, 6th Batt., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmmd. a Coy. (dated 22nd Nov., 1918).

5th Batt.—Lieut. W. H. Leete to be Capt., and to remain secd. (dated 18th July, 1918); Lieut. W. Harle relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 9th Oct., 1918), and retains rank of Lieut.

5th Batt.—Lieut. L. P. Lock relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 11th Febry.), and retains rank of Lieut.

5th Batt., R. Lanc. R.—Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. (actg. Capt.) T. S. Oliver, M.C., Northd. Fusrs., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (addtl.) (dated 29th Nov., 1918).

6th Batt.—Lieut. G. E. Towers relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 6th Febry.), and retains rank of Lieut.

6th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. N. Duke is secd. for service with 43rd Garr. Batt., R. Fusrs. (dated 9th Dec., 1918).

36th Batt.—Maj. (actg. Lieut.-Col.) J. F. Thomson, N. Staffs R., to be tempy. Lieut.-Col. (dated 25th April, 1918).

MEMORANDA.

Tempy. Lieut.-Col. G. A. Yool, D.S.O. (4th Batt., Linc. R., T.F.) (Maj., S. Staff. R.), retains his tempy. rank while cmndg. Young Soldiers Batt., Northd. Fusrs. (dated 1st Jany.).

Lieut. C. D. Cowie (3rd Batt., Northd. Fusrs., Spec. Res.) to be Adjt., 84th Trng. Res. Batt., and to be actg. Capt., with pay and allowances of Lieut., while so emplyd. (dated 8th Jany.).

To be tempy. Capt.—Lieut. F. E. Dotchin, 6th Batt., Northd. Fusrs., T.F., whilst emplyd. as an Asst. Emb. Staff Officer (Class GG.) (dated 23rd Dec., 1918).

LABOUR BATTALIONS.

Tempy. Lieut. A. M. Birkett, from Northd. Fusrs. (Ser. Batt.), to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 4th Jany., with seniority from 12th July, 1917).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. to be tempy. 2nd-Lieut.—E. McCartney, from Northd. Fusrs. (Ser. Batt.) (dated 30th Aug., 1918, with seniority from 1st May, 1918).

Tempy. Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—W. A. Fletcher, from Northd. Fusrs. (Ser. Batt.) (dated 24th Nov., 1918, with seniority from 1st Sept., 1918); R. Graham, from Northd. Fusrs. (Ser. Batt.) (dated 8th Dec., 1918, with seniority from 22nd May, 1918); J. A. Baveystock, from Northd. Fusrs. (Ser. Batt.) (dated 1st Dec., 1918, with seniority from 1st July, 1917).

Lieut. G. B. Atkinson (3rd Batt., Northd. Fusrs., Spec. Res.) to be tempy. Maj. (dated 16th Dec., 1918).

GARRISON BATTALIONS.

Northd. Fusrs.—2nd Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. G. G. Armstrong to be actg. Capt. while specially emplyd. (Lab. Directorate) (dated 1st Dec., 1918).

HONOURS.

BAR TO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

15th Febv., 1919.

Capt. (tempy. Lieut. Col.) V. T. R. Ford, D.S.O., 1st Batt., York and Lanc. R., attd. 8th Batt., Northd. Fusrs. (D.S.O. gazetted 3rd June, 1918).

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

1st Febry., 1919.

Tempy. Maj. J. Brunton, M.C., 12/13th Batt., Northd. Fusrs.—For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the operations near Walincourt on 8th Oct., 1918. When the Batt. were held up west of the wood he led them forward under machine-gun fire and shelling at close range, and captured the wood. Although wounded and considerably shaken by a shell which burst close to him, he returned to Batt. headquarters to report. While he was away the Batt. were driven out of the wood, so he again went up and restored the situation. The success of the advance under heavy fire without a barrage was due to his energy and resource.

Tempy. Capt. J. B. W. Roberton, 11th Batt., Northd. Fusrs. (Italy).—For conspicuous gallantry and ability during attacks on the enemy's lines on the north bank of the Piave on the 27th and 29th Oct., 1918. He led his company brilliantly and captured a large number of machine guns and prisoners, setting a very fine example to his men throughout the operations. On the 27th Oct., when the senior officers had become casualties, the Batt. under his command captured all objectives.

Tempy. Lieut. H. E. Cowling, M.C., 11th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Italy).—During the attack on the enemy's lines on the north bank of the Piave on the 27th Oct., 1918, this officer was adjt. of his batt., and after his C.O. and Second-in-Command had become casualties he took command. He re-organised the much depleted force, and but for his most gallant and able leadership the third objective could scarcely have been captured. In addition, ascertaining that his left on the first objective was under enfilade fire from C. Touon, he personally collected some men and captured the two enemy machine-guns in this position. He did fine work.

15th Febv., 1919.

Capt. (actg. Maj.) C. R. Freeman, M.C., 2nd Batt,. Northd. Fusrs.

BAR TO MILITARY CROSS.

1st Febry., 1919.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. F. Archer, M.C., M.M., 25th Batt., Northd. Fusrs., attd. 2nd Batt., Linc. R.—For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 8th Oct. near Walincourt. When the two leading companies were held up by fire from the right flank he led forward two Lewis gun teams, together with a captured gun, and drove the enemy down a road, at the end of which he captured two field guns and 44 prisoners. His determination and drive had an inspiriting effect on all ranks. (M.C. gazetted 11th Jany., 1919.)

15th Febry., 1919.

Tempy. Capt. A. W. Muir, M.C., North. Fusrs., attd. 2nd Batt. (M.C. gazetted 23rd Aug., 1916).

Tempy. Lieut. J. Stephenson, M.C., 20th Batt. North. Fusrs., attd. 2nd Batt. (M.C. gazetted 16th Aug., 1917).

2nd-Lieut. J. J. Rewcastle, M.C., 5th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F., attd. 18th Batt. Lan. Fusrs. (M.C. gazetted 1st Febry.).

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MILITARY CROSS.

1st Febry., 1919.

Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) C. N. G. Koch, 12/13th Batt., Northd. Fusrs., attd. 62nd L.T.M. By.—For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 26th Sept., 1918, in the fighting near Gouzeaucourt, when his battery was working in close operation with the infantry in the attack on African Trench. After a most effective barrage in support of the attack, seeing that the left and centre companies were held up, he rushed forward with one mortar, and, working up a trench, shelled the enemy out, although freely exposed to machine gun fire. His coolness and judgment were largely responsible for the gaining of the objective.

Tempy. Lieut. W. H. O. Lucas, 23rd Batt., Northd. Fusrs., attd. 4th Batt., L'pool R.—At Villers Guislain, on the 29th Sept., 1918, this officer's company made two separate mopping up advances through the village, securing three officers and 107 other ranks as prisoners. It was largely due to his organisation that the operation was so successful in the face of the most determined opposition, the enemy holding the village in great strength.

2nd-Lieut. J. J. Rewcastle, 5th Batt., Northd. Fusrs., T.F., attd. 18th Batt., Lan. Fusrs.—On the night 15/16th Sept., 1918, during the operation south of Ypres, between Ypres-Comines Canal and Zillebeke Lake, this officer led his platoon with great skill and courage. He kept his platoon within forty yards of our barrage, and by his dash in attack was able to secure the two hostile posts between La Chappelle and the Canal without the loss of a single man in his platoon. Later, he patrolled some 600 yards into the enemy's line in an effort to exploit his success. During the days preceding the operation this officer did splendid work on patrol in locating the exact position of hostile posts.

2nd-Lieut. E. R. Wilson, 6th Batt., Northd. Fusrs., T.F., attd. 14th Batt.—For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the night of 19/20th Sept., 1918. He commanded a bombing party near Bray Trench, which suffered from heavy shell fire. He got them under what cover he could, and brought in and bandaged several wounded. Later, he got his party at work and completed his task, showing complete disregard for his own safety.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. Orange, M.M., Northd. Fusrs., attd. 22nd Batt.—For conspicuous gallantry and ability near Gambrin on the 2nd Sept., 1918, when in charge of a fighting patrol sent out to establish a post in the enemy's lines. He had just reached his objective when twenty of the enemy, led by an officer, came down the trench. He shot the officer and a man behind him with his revolver, and, during a sharp fight with bombs, another enemy party attacked from the rear. Finding himself outnumbered, he fought his way through with his patrol, and successfully regained his lines, without a casualty, after killing and wounding several of the enemy and obtaining valuable information. He did fine work.

Tempy. Lieut. H. S. Fleming, 36th Batt., Northd. Fusrs., T.F.—This officer, who was commanding a platoon, had orders to advance near Laventie. An hour after receiving the orders he led his platoon forward, and, although he had never seen the country before him during daylight, kept direction accurately, quickly taking each objective as he came to it. Although met by hostile machine gun fire, he pushed on through two hostile strong points, capturing a machine gun and the gunners, and establishing himself well in advance of his final objective. By his coolness under fire not only did he set a good example to his platoon but inflicted many losses on the enemy, whom he encountered in greatly superior numbers.

2nd-Lieut. D. D. Rutherford, 6th Batt., Northd. Fusrs., T.F., attd. 18th Batt., Lanc. Fusrs.—On the night, 15/16th Sept., 1918, during the operations south of Ypres (between Ypres-Comines Canal and Zillebeke Lake), he displayed the greatest coolness and gallantry. His platoon was allotted the most difficult objective at La Chapelle, which by his excellent leadership he succeeded in the face of hostile machine-gun fire and bombing in capturing with its garrison intact, with the loss of only two men of his platoon. After taking the objective he patrolled a great distance into the enemy lines in an effort to get further touch with the enemy. Previous to the operation he was untiring on patrol, both day and by night, pushing out far into the enemy's lines, and the success achieved was largely due to his excellent patrol work and the skilful handling of his platoon during the actual attack.

2nd-Lieut. R. W. H. Fryer, 1st Batt., Northd. Fusrs.—During the operations east of Havrincourt on the 27th Sept., 1918, he showed great courage when his platoon was held up by machine-gun fire. He went out with one man and tried to bomb the enemy out, but was driven back. He showed great disregard for danger.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. L. Foulds, Northd. Fusrs., attd. 13th Batt., R. Innis. Fusrs.—For conspicuous gallantry and good leading during the advance near Armentieres 2-4th Oct., 1918, when, after reaching his objective under heavy machine-gun fire, he drove off two determined counter-attacks. After the second attack he personally went forward and captured four of the enemy, who were in a shell hole.

15th Febry., 1919.

Lieut. W. H. Griffiths, 2nd Batt. North. Fusrs.
2nd-Lieut. J. Sillitoe, M.M., 7th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F., attd. 18th Batt. Lanc. Fusrs.
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. J. Simpson, 23rd, attd. 22nd Batt. North. Fusrs.
2nd-Lieut. J. P. H. Simpson, 1/1st North. Husrs.
Lieut. T. C. Bullen, North. Fusrs., Spec. Res., attd. 22nd Batt.
2nd-Lieut. A. W. Davidson, 3rd, attd. 1st Batt. North. Fusrs.
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. Easson, North. Fusrs., attd. 17th Batt. R. Fusrs.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

18th Febry., 1919.

No. 10/11807 Lce.-Cpl. J. Buglass, M.M., 1st Batt. (Blyth)
" 8591 Pte. H. Campbell, 8th Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
" 27/360 Sgt. R. Horsham, 8th Batt. (Durham)
" 31477 Sgt. J. Howarth, M.M., 1st Batt. (Todmorden)
" 87453 C.S.M. W. G. Gadsby, 22nd Batt. (Burton-on-Trent)
" 15441 Sgt. F. Bevington, 2nd Batt. (E. Cannock)

BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL.

11th Febry., 1919.

No. 10233 Sgt. (actg. C.S.M.) H. E. Nobbs, M.M., 14th Batt. (Scotswood-on-Tyne) (M.M. gazetted 23rd Febry., 1918)
" 81362 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) R. Peat, M.M., 1st Batt. (Wallsend-on-Tyne) (M.M. gazetted 18th June, 1917).

MILITARY MEDAL.

11th Febry., 1919.

No. 21287 Sgt. A. P. Atkinson, 1st Batt. (Scarborough)
" 22945 Sgt. W. Turnbull, 1st Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
" 22218 Cpl. J. W. Carr, 13th Batt. (Bradford)
" 60976 Cpl. J. H. Hall, 13th Batt. (Middlesbrough)
" 60977 Cpl. J. E. Machin, 13th Batt. (Sheffield)
" 265602 Cpl. (Lce.-Sgt.) R. S. H. Stobbs, 1st Batt. (North'd.)
" 87640 Pte. J. Arnott, 22nd Batt. (Sunderland)
" 55998 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) H. A. Bond, 1st Batt. (Brixham)
" 52817 Pte. A. Capperauld, 1st Batt. (Glasgow)
" 267472 Pte. T. Caulfield, 1st Batt. (York)
" 10569 Pte. W. Davies, 13th Batt. (Ferryhill)
" 205524 Pte. A. Dingwell, 22nd Batt. (Inverness)
" 75053 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) T. Duckworth, 13th Batt. (Preston)
" 79118 Pte. E. Faulkes, 36th Batt. (Manchester)
" 19156 Pte. (Actg.-Cpl.) J. S. Hallam, 13th Batt. (Nottingham)
" 40016 Pte. G. R. Hardy, 1st Batt. (Holmforth)
" 61538 Pte. (Actg.-Cpl.) A. T. Keyworth, 36th Batt. (Hull)
" 291831 Pte. J. King, 7th Batt. (Radcliffe)
" 23/461 Pte. E. Leonard, 13th Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
" 61979 Pte. S. Linton, 1st Batt. (Grangetown)
" 23/974 Pte. T. Lowes, 1st Batt. (Bedlington)
" 32786 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) W. W. Minnikin, 1st Batt. (Forest Hall)
" 50145 Pte. E. Pankhurst, 36th Batt. (Downpatrick)
" 360039 Pte. A. Peacey, 22nd Batt. (Tredworth)
" 16355 Pte. (Actg.-Cpl.) W. Sandy, 22nd Batt. (Shiremoor)
" 20269 Pte. P. W. Scott, 14th Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
" 87505 Cpl. W. Thomas, 22nd Batt. (Willenhall)
" 290718 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) W. S. Turnbull, 9th Batt. (Denwick)
" 51441 Pte. E. E. Wales, 1st Batt. (Sunderland)
" 75123 Pte. R. Wilkins, 13th Batt. (Tewkesbury)

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

22nd Febry., 1919.

No. 88599 S.M. T. Smith, Depot (Wolverhampton)
" 4874 Q.M.S. E. Gale, 3rd Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
" 9841 Q.M.S. J. H. Tindale, Depot (Newcastle-on-Tyne)

PRISONERS OF WAR.

The following officers, who were prisoners of war in Germany, have been released and have arrived in England:—

Capt. V. C. Hardy
2nd-Lieut. W. Maxfield

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Our Roll of Honour.

CAPTAIN GERARD ORBY SLOPER.

Capt. Gerard Orby Sloper, 1st Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers, who died of pneumonia on the

CAPT. G. O. SLOPER.

8th February whilst on service with the North Russian Expeditionary Force, was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Sloper, late of West Woodhay House, Berkshire, and Westrop House, Highworth, Wilts.

Born in 1885, he was educated at Charterhouse, and after passing through Sandhurst, joined the 3rd (Regular) Battalion on the 28th January, 1905. He was transferred to the 1st Battalion, in India, in 1908, and while on service in that country took part in the operations in the Mohmand country and the engagement of Matta, for which he was awarded the medal with clasp.

On the outbreak of the present war he proceeded to Flanders with the 1st Battalion, was present at Mons, Le Cateau, the Marne and the Aisne. He was wounded at the last named engagement, but quickly recovered and returned to the Battalion in France at the end of December, 1914. He then served with the 1st Battalion until June, 1915, when he was again wounded in three places and taken prisoner. After several attempts to escape from Germany he was transferred to Holland early in 1918, and was eventually repatriated to England in December, 1918. He proceeded to Russia in January of this year.

He was mentioned in despatches in the *London Gazette* in October, 1914, and January, 1916, and was awarded the Military Cross in 1914.

Sloper, or "Bunny" as he was known to his most intimate friends, was a good example of what a British Officer should be—a good polo player, a fine big game shot and a thorough sportsman. No one after knowing him for a short time could fail to be struck by his strong, self-reliant and well disciplined character. On active service he imparted a feeling of confidence to those he commanded and of reliance to those under whom he served; he was absolutely fearless, and the writer well remembers the particular episode for which he was awarded the M.C., when he charged with his Platoon of about 20 men, a very much larger force of Germans holding a hill above Vaily-sur-Aisne. Sloper seemed to be one of those men who, having made up their minds what their duty was, carried it out regardless of personal interests. His action in volunteering for service in North Russia was typical of him.

After nearly four years as a prisoner in Germany, during most of which time he was abominably treated owing to his indomitable spirit, many would have thought that they were entitled to a period of rest and recuperation—not so Sloper, who from the moment he landed in England started to find out in what way he could proceed on active service again.

There are few who lived up to the Regimental motto with greater success than Sloper. He was indeed a gallant gentleman and a good Officer.

To his father and mother we extend our deep sympathy.

Obituary.

LIEUT.-COL. JOHN JAMES ROBINSON.

In Lieut.-Col. John James Robinson (Jacques), who died at his home in Langley, from heart failure, on

COL. J. J. ROBINSON.

the 26th January, the FIFTH has lost one of its oldest

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members. Born in 1837 he joined the Service as an Ensign on the 19th June, 1855, at Malta—Lieutenant, 24th December, 1855—and posted to the 2nd Batt., 5th Fusiliers, when it was raised on 23rd October, 1857, in Newcastle; Captain, 5th January, 1870; Major, 13th April, 1881; Lieut.-Colonel, 1st July, 1881. The whole of his service was in the 2nd Batt. with which he went to the Mauritius in 1858, The Cape 1866, and India in 1880. He was noted for the great care he took of his men and for his fatherly interest in their welfare, and he was always proud that such men as Maj. James Thornton and Col.-Sgt. "Paddy" Nolan should have received their first promotion in his Company.

In the Regiment and amongst his old friends he has always been known as "Jacques." A very kind and generous hearted man with an intense dislike of anything mean or petty, he was most loyal to his friends, and to the FIFTH with which he always kept in touch. Many may remember that for years after he had retired all court-martials, "tell it not in Gath," or refractory or bumptious subalterns were forwarded to him as the "Grand Shingo Master" for confirmation and approval; very humorous and amusing some of these contributions were.

In 1884 he became Private Secretary to Lord Durham, for about 18 years, after which time he suffered a great deal from bad health. During the war the death at the front, in France, of his boy "Bobby," the son of an old friend, whom he had adopted and in whose young life he was completely wrapped up, was a blow from which he never really recovered. He was buried in the pretty old Langley Churchyard, Brig.-Gen. Lambton and Col. Sapte being present from the Regiment, on whose behalf as well as their own they laid a spray of red and white roses by the side of a very loveable and faithful old Fusilier.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

When the Armistice was signed we were in a small French village called Fresnoy some 15 miles west of Mauberge, now, after marching over 200 miles we are in three small German villages, Hoch Kirchen, Novenich and Bolheim between the town of Duren and the city of Cologne.

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The names of the villages through which we passed are mentioned herein for the benefit of tourist Americans and others who may wish to follow in practice, or on a map, the misfortune of this Battalion.

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On the 16th of November the Battalion moved to La Longueville via Bavai and remained there until the 17th.

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On the 18th to Bous-le-Bois near Mauberge, remained there until the 19th.

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On the 20th the Battalion moved to Colleret via Mauberge. When passing through Mauberge we saw many Entente prisoners, British, French and Italian, who were homeward bound in accordance with the Armistice terms. The British were in a very much worse condition than the others. We stayed at Colleret until the 24th, amusing ourselves by fruitlessly riding partridge. Gen. Yatman visited us while we were here.

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On the 24th we crossed the Frontier, entered Belgium and billeted at Ragnies.

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On the 25th we moved via Thuim to Cour-sur-Heure.

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On the 26th we moved to Acoz where Battalion Headquarters were established in an excellent chateau, the owner, Member for Charleroi, was away to our lasting regret, as we lacked the courage to attack his cellars in his absence. We stayed at Acoz over the 27th.

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On the 28th we moved to Bioul. The Colonel did not accompany us, but started off on horseback on a perilous expedition to England where he proposed spending 14 days.

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On the 29th we moved to Spontin, crossing the Meuse at Yvion en route.

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On the 30th we moved to Braibant and stayed there until the 4th December. Capt. Buckley, 5th Fusiliers, A.D.C. to our Corps Commander, visited us here.

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On the 4th we moved to Trisogne where our landlord stole our only teapot, but failed in a similar attempt against our football.

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On the 5th we moved to Fronville and on the 6th to Oppagne.

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On the 7th we went to Mormont, and on the 8th to Malempre.

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On the 9th we moved to Jubieual and rested thankfully on the 10th.

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On the 11th, Gen. Yatman at our head, we crossed the German Frontier at 13.06 hours; as our entry was meant to be impressive and as the photographers were advantageously placed, it is almost unnecessary to remark that it rained hard the entire day. We billeted in Aldringen. We were very uncomfortable, but were rather handicapped in being unable to live up the reputation for frightfulness which had preceded the British Army—where even Scotsmen failed, what hope is there for us.

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On the 12th we moved to Neidingen, on the 13th to Manderfelde, on the 14th to Baasem, on the 15th to Schmidtheim, on the 16th to Tindorf, on the 17th to Iverscheim, on the 18th to Euskirchen, on the 19th to Zulpich and on the 20th to our final area where we have W, X and Z Companies in Novenich, Y Company in Hoch Kirchen and H.Q. in Bolheim.

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Since the 20th we have passed the time enjoyably, training, playing football, shooting, spending Christmas and New Year, and with one paper chase, in which the Colonel who rejoined us on the 21st, played an imposing part.

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Incidently he was lucky enough to meet Col. Sturges at Lille on his return journey. We also have an embryo concert party, which has given two very promising performances.

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In spite of the fact that we spend a considerable time training, both military and educational, and demobilizing we have had time to become familiar with Duren and Cologne, and many of us think we could improve on Baedeker's 1890 guide which is the most recent work we possess.

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We fill in any odd moments by Pelmanising, the result of the latter being strikingly shown in my own case by the imposing array of correct dates given in the foregoing, my only assistance being the War Diary.

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As we have now settled down we hope to start entertaining. We expect Gen. Herbert to spend some time with us in the very near future. Any 5th Fusilier possessing a shot gun will be welcomed.

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The figures which have been compiled at the instigation of the Division Commander are forwarded as a proof that we want some regular soldiers as well as our Sister Battalion, whom we regret we have not yet managed to meet.

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No Officers, 7 other ranks who came out with us and have served continuously since 1914, and we have only 9 Officers and 23 other rank regular soldiers with us. Unfortunately most of our horses have served continuously.

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The following letter is forwarded as it may be of interest to some old Fusiliers:—

17/12/18.

To C.O., N.F.

For your information.

The location of the graves of the following men of your Battalion killed 23-24th August, 1914, at Frameries, near Mons, has been discovered and the information sent to the D.G.R. and E.:—

No. 1011 Groves, Charles	No. 9626 Tweedy, S.
,, 1572 Farmer, G. H.	,, 7763 Roome, —
,, 9963 Cawell, P.	,, 9309 Cairns, T. W.
,, 8045 Marmion, M.	

The information was supplied to me by Mr. G. Arnould, 62, Rue des Dames, Frameries, who also adds the following note of recommendation which I should like to bring to your notice:—

"Stretcher Bearer Harrison, N.F., No. 8858, taken prisoner, gave every possible assistance to the wounded in the Hospital at the Convent of the Sisters of Providence."

(Signed) RICHARD L. BARNES, C.F.,
6th Lincoln Regiment.

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We are happy to have received Christmas or New Year greetings from the following. We are sorry that us usual we have been too lazy to send any ourselves:—2nd, 3rd, 4th, 11th and 14th Battalions; 42nd and 45th Batteries R.F.A.; Headquarters 3rd Div. Artillery; Lieut.-Col. Platt; Capt. C. G. Leslie; Gen. Wilkinson; Maj. Landon; Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Salier; Capt. Williams; Maj. Booth; Maj. Chenevix Trench; Maj. O. B. Foster; Maj. Prideaux; and our faithful and reliable friends, Messrs. Cox and Co.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

We are now fairly settled as part of the Army of Occupation in Germany.

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As the Battalion is distributed over three villages we have not had the opportunity of forming a Battalion Sergeants' Mess, but each Company has formed its own Mess, and, as the villages are in close proximity, visits are exchanged.

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Two of the Messes are fortunate in possessing a piano and one Mess is the proud owner of a musical (?) instrument, which on inserting a halfpenny in the slot, renders the "Washington Post."

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At football against the Officers we were defeated by 6 goals to 2, but we hope to reverse the result in the near future.

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Many members have visited Duren and Cologne, which are respectively 12 and 30 kilometres distant.

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Already we have lost many old and familiar friends, who have left to resume their occupations in civilian life. Our best wishes go with them.

27th February, 1919.

The following Officers joined and have left since 1st January, 1919:—

Joined.

Capt. J. M. Goodbody	2nd-Lieut. R. Handcock
Lieut. J. S. Winton	Lieut. D. S. Rowe, from 9th T.M.B.
Lieut. S. Pearson, M.C., from 9th T.M.B.	

Left for Demobilization.

2nd-Lieut. A. W. Davidson, M.C.
2nd-Lieut. M. Collinson

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The undermentioned old 1st Battalion N.C.O.'s and men have left for demobilization:—

No. 18/850	C.Q.M.S. W. Halliday	No.	390 C.Q.M.S. W. Banks
,, 9689	Sgt. C. Reynolds	,,	33 Pte. J. Blackmore
,, 9612	Sgt. H. Pratt	,,	7331 Sgt. V. Skipworth, M.M.
,, 14551	Sgt. J. Hogg, M.M.		
,, 65203	Sgt. H. Pickergill, M.M.	,,	396 Sgt. J. Kirkup, M.M.
,, 3505	Sgt. E. Hayler	,,	23/124 Sgt. W. Christmas, M.M.
,, 17016	Sgt. G. Begg		
,, 2307	Cpl. T. Kitchen	,,	8789 Sgt. J. Payton
,, 2464	Cpl. J. Dowson	,,	1357 Sgt.-Dmr. A. Brace
,, 118	Lce.-Cpl. J. Williamson	,,	2050 Pnr-Sgt. G. Foster
,, 6494	Lce.-Cpl. J. Causley	,,	233 Cpl. H. Barnard
,, 11807	Pte. J. Buglass, D.C.M., M.M.	,,	7182 Lce.-Cpl. W. Simmonds
		,,	17386 Lce.-Cpl. H. Stocks
,, 9913	Pte. G. Young	,,	9788 Lce.-Cpl. C. Pearce
,, 2571	Pte. T. Dixon	,,	79 Pte. H. Laws
,, 889	Pte. W. Heasman	,,	9983 Pte. A. Gilbert
,, 8751	Pte. G. Errington	,,	552 Pte. W. Hamilton
,, 2331	Pnr. V. Clarke	,,	2217 Pte. A. Broadbent
,, 2305	Pte. G. Bird	,,	8019 Bdm. G. Fuller
,, 871	Pte. C. Gundy	,,	2452 Pte. W. Timms
,, 8778	Pte. H. Hardy	,,	8154 Pte. G. Proctor
,, 349	Pte. J. Tucker	,,	9606 Pte. C. Graham
,, 5977	Pte. J. Haddon	,,	6308 Pte. E. Matthews, M.M.
,, 1444	Pte. R. Arnold	,,	290 Pte. J. Walker
,, 3519	Pte. J. Foster	,,	1367 Pte. C. Tuffield

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Games have gone on in spite of snow and frost. Platoon matches have been played with the result that the best Platoon of each Company are as follows:—

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SOCCER.

		P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals. F.	A.	Pts.
Z Coy.	17 Platoon	3	3	0	0	11	3	6
Y Coy.	9 ,,	4	3	1	0	17	7	6
W Coy.	4 ,,	4	1	3	0	10	12	2
X Coy.	7 ,,	3	0	3	0	0	16	0

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The Battalion team tied with the Royal Scots on the 7th February, having the best of the play. Team:—

Lce.-Cpl. Purcell; Coupe, Lce.-Cpl. Messenger; 2nd-Lieut. Rigby, Crisp, Parker; Denials, Palmer, Body, Stewart, Cpl. Carruthers.

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On the replay we were beaten 5—0, the Royal Scots having the best of the game, though we were round their goal a lot in the second half we were quite unable to score. Team:—

Lce.-Cpl. Purcell; Coupe, 2nd-Lieut. Coppick; 2nd-Lieut. Rigby, Parker, Crisp; Denials, Palmer, Body, Stewart, Cpl. Carruthers.

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The Officers' soccer team beat the Machine Gun Battalion 3—0, following up their success by beating the Suffolk Regt. 7—2. Team:—Brown; Williams, Coppick; Hogshaw, Rigby, Fryer; Hargreaves, Wood, Pigg, Moore, Myers.

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An officer of this Regiment, now in their Brigade, tried to even matters by making away with a pair of our winter gloves while entertaining us to tea.

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Unfortunately the weather has prevented our playing any of our ties and we are losing players fast.

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We are now in the Divisional final.

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The Officers' Rugby team beat the 12th Squadron, R.A.F., by 6 tries to nil.

Team:—Fryer; Hogshaw, Ellison, Hargreaves, Myers; Handcock, Ingledew; Davidson, Smith, Van Der Merwe, Williams, Williams, Pease, Col. Cruddas, Skey.

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2nd-Lieuts. Fryer, M.C., and Ingledew having volunteered to transfer for services in India have left us, and Capt. Hogshaw, M.C., and Lieut. Radcliffe are leaving soon, for the same reason. We wish them all the best of luck.

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After several very enjoyable days shooting in which the bags were small but varied, the season closed on the 13th January, except for cock pheasants and duck which may be shot till the 1st of June. Volunteer parties of beaters were exercised in skirmishing and wood fighting, some of the bag were caught by hand.

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The Boche guns were of various types, the most interesting having a third barrel underneath for a bullet. Apparently the raising of a sight deflected the trigger action to the third barrel. As we had no ammunition we never found out. Pheasants, partridges, woodcock, hares and rabbits made up the bag. Roe deer were also seen.

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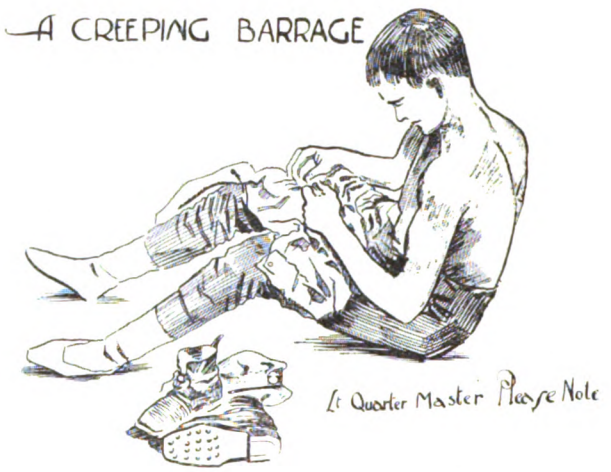
A branch of the Y.M.C.A. has been started in our village under the Rev. J. Coffin. It is much appreciated.

St. George's Minstrels have given two concerts here and others away. The Royal Fusiliers party gave us a concert



in return and other units are going to do so. Demobilization unfortunately has taken some of our talent and will take more.

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The Rev. J. Coffin gave a most interesting lecture on his experiences in Germany during the first three months of the war. We also have lectures every week on demobilization, the origin of the war, various Colonies, etc.

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The Band, under Bandmaster J. Windram, L.R.A.M., arrived on the 5th instant. We are looking forward to their assistance on the march, at concerts and at least once a week in the Y.M.C.A.

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The Battalion had a weekly paper chase before the hard weather set in. Some of the hounds did not realise what the paper was for, others, though hounds, gave a very life-like imitation of a hare, taking cover and doubling back to their home.

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We were very glad to see Maj. E. S. Swain, M.C., and Maj. J. F. Chenevix Trench, D.S.O., the former commanding a Cyclist Battalion and the latter on the Staff of the Military Governor, Cologne. We were disappointed in the latter, as though he must obviously be full of latest knowledge as to how long it will be before peace is signed, etc., he told us nothing.

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We hope to see Generals Yatman and Herbert soon. Both have promised to visit us in the near future.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

On the night of the 19th the Battalion was relieved, when it marched to Maretz for rest till the 29th.

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On the 21st Lieuts. J. Patterson, L. H. Friend, J. D. Appleby, C. Firth, J. Shield and O. Cotton joined, and on the 26th Lieuts. B. Mowat, A. E. Oldfield and S. Turnbull with a draft of 82 men from the Yorks. and Lancs. Regt.

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On the 27th Maj. Greville Williams paid us a visit, and Capt. Swaine arrived the following day in time for tea, both looking fit and well.

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On the 29th the Battalion moved to Le Cateau, which was now in our hands, and was billeted there for the night. Next day it moved to Fontaine de Bois where it took up a position. The bombardment of this part of the line by the Germans was particularly heavy. The battle surplus remained at Le Cateau under command of Lieut.-Col. A. C. L. Hardman Jones. The Battalion remained in this position till the 2nd November, when it retired to bivouacs near Pommeral. In the bivouacs the Battalion received a good deal of shrapnel fire, causing several casualties among the men.

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On the 3rd or rather very early 4th, the Battalion took up position before the Mormal Forest beyond Fontaine de Bois, preparatory to attacking. The transport moved to Fontaine de Bois.

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On the 5th the advance was continued and the Battalion rested at Rue des Juif for the night. The going was very difficult and was rendered more so by the sodden condition of the ground. The transport followed up close in rear but experienced some difficulty in crossing the Canal, where owing to the bridge being destroyed, some of the vehicles fell into the Canal. After some difficulty these were salved but not without some damage. As the Battalion was forging ahead it was necessary for the transport to keep up, this was done though it was late in the night before men or animals got to rest. On the 6th the Battalion reached St. Remy. A glance at the map will show the reader how rapid was the advance in these days. The transport joined up with the Battalion at night. The whole rested next day and continued the march next morning. The village was badly shelled all day on the 8th and we sustained a few casualties. At 8 a.m. on the 9th we left St. Remy and marched to Lez Fontaine where we had an enthusiastic reception from the inhabitants. The Bosch had only cleared a few hours before our arrival. Orders were received for the Brigade to return to Dourlers where it remained till the 19th, when it marched to Taisnieres for salvage on the battlefield.

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We remained here till the 17th December on salvage work.

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On the 29th November we received a draft of 118 men. Lieuts. R. E. O'Dowd, R. S. Robinson, E. C. Smith and E. Fulton joined the day previous.

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On the 1st we had a visit from an old 2nd Battalion friend in the person of Capt. Trenam, M.C. He came over from the 12/13th Battalion, having heard of our arrival in the vicinity.

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Lieuts. J. Ullathorne and B. J. Herod joined.

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On the 2nd Lieut. W. H. Griffiths, M.C., rejoined from the Brigade Staff.

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On the 3rd the Battalion was present at the arrival of H.M. the King on a tour of inspection of the fronts. The weather was anything but favourable.

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On the 7th Dr. Irvine, of the American Y.M.C.A., delivered a most interesting and instructive lecture to the Battalion. Dr. Irvine's is one of the most remarkable careers, and in telling his story he thoroughly interested his audience and left some very valuable hints to those who are looking ahead to be demobilized. We trust the advice will bear much fruit in the thoughts of those about to enter once more into civil life.

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On the 9th we received news that Capts. Clive Smith and R. J. Rogers had received their Military Cross and we offer the recipients congratulations upon receiving this award.

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On the 13th Maj. W. A. Muir, M.C., who had commanded the Battalion during the last phases of the great world war was awarded the D.S.O. and receives our congratulations.

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On the 17th the Battalion marched to Le Quesnoy en route for Warnies Le Grand. It was billeted at Le Quesnoy for the night. This town received some attention from the hands of the Bosch and there was considerable ruin in every street. The weather was unpleasant for our march. On the 18th we reached our objective and the close of the year found it still in this village, which also had been badly damaged. Not a single house could be found in it entirely sound so we had to set to and patch up to make the places inhabitable. Still, there are worse places. A theatre has been started and if only we can raise enough talent life should be fairly enjoyable.

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On the 16th Gen. W. N. Herbert, D.S.O., and Col. W. Platt, D.S.O., paid us a surprise visit and remained to lunch. We were all very glad to see both looking so well. Perhaps now the war is over they will be coming along presently to do some soldiering with us.

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Education is the idea nowadays and Lieut. C. P. Cater presides in the Professor's Chair. We hope soon to see young, budding professors leaving us to retire to civil resorts, where we hope they will remember the career of Dr. Irvine and make up for lost time by applying themselves to the courses which are to be found in most towns at the Technical Schools.

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We have to thank Mrs. Hardman Jones and the ladies who so kindly subscribed to the fund to provide us with something nice at Christmas. Unfortunately owing to the congested state of the railways the gifts did not reach us till after Christmas. They were, however, consumed on New Year's Day and greatly enjoyed. The E.F.C. let us down rather badly for Christmas, as the goods ordered for this occasion were not forthcoming, and we had perforce to content ourselves with our ordinary rations, plus the Christmas pudding. Even with this we felt that we fared perhaps a trifle better than our folks at home. But our best thanks are due to the ladies who showed in such a tangible way their thoughts for us in our lonely village.

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WARGNIES LE GRAND,
FRANCE,
18th February, 1919.

Like everyone else we are suffering terribly from demobilization. Our strength grows weaker and weaker and when we have parted with our contingent for the 1st Batt. we shall be in the last throes of our existence as a fighting machine in the great Allied Army.

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Soon there will only be the "Cadre" to remove and our share in the great Force will have passed to history.

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Where the "2nd" will resurrect itself into newness of life, well time will show.

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Those who know the inner life of a Battalion will realise how difficult it is to carry on in the meantime. Still we jog along and yet there is talent left, as may be seen by any visitor who may chance to look in at our "Colesium" where the "stalls," "private boxes" and "The Gallery" are packed every Saturday night.

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Rumour has it that some bright young sparks are concocting a "Revue" with which they intend to occupy the "boards" at an early date. Further secret information may not be devulged.

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The band, unfortunately, at this juncture decided to have "mumps" so that the usual full orchestral band will be diminished for the "Revue."

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Winter took us rather sharply into her grip, consequently there has been much trouble about wood. France may be Republican but it is certainly not free to let one help themselves, and while there is still something to be had we will go on paying.

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The cold was intense while the frost grip held on, and it was extremely difficult to make the shattered billets proof against the biting cold air which had a knack of just finding the spot where one desired to be warmest. We are therefore extremely thankful that milder weather now prevails.

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On the 4th February Lieut. G. H. Hall and 2nd-Lieut. E. Willoughby joined for duty but the latter has since been demobilized.

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On the 10th Lieut. C. H. Cooper joined from Divisional Staff.

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On the 11th Maj. O. B. Foster, M.C., paid us a flying visit and regretted he could not find time to stay "*pour manje.*"

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On the 16th our Brigadier, Gen. G. Rolls, D.S.O., went home to be demobilized, and Col. A. C. Hardman Jones assumed command (temporarily) of the Brigade.

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Before departure he sent the following complimentary letter to the Commanding Officer:—

"I very much regret owing to time and conditions I am unable to express thanks and wishes for the future of the N.C.O.'s and men of your Battalion personally before leaving the Brigade. When I came to take over command I was a stranger among you but the work accomplished by the Brigade in its first battle proved at once that I could place every faith in the officers and men I commanded. Upon your successful fighting at Goug, Le Catelet and Prospect Hill depended the success of the following attack which drove the enemy back on the Le Cateau Line. This you did in spite of heavy casualties. Following shortly after the battle of the river Selle came the battle for and capture of Mormal Forest which the enemy deemed a more or less impossible feat of arms. From that time to the signing of the armistice we were occupied with a series of advance guards and long marches. Though the time was arduous in the extreme with many discomforts there was never a complaint. I thank you all for your loyal support and in saying good-bye I would like to add my very best wishes for the future of your Regiment.

"(Signed) G. ROLLS,
"G.O.C. 150th Inf. Bde."

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Educational classes are still going ahead though our "Professor" goes about with a less worried look now that his students are diminishing in the pot of demobilization.

As this is the first occasion the Battalion has produced a "Revue" perhaps the fact is not unworthy of the pages of the *Gazette*. We have often had concerts, sing-songs and the like during the past four notable years, and it is also worthy of note that the combined efforts of the "stage aspirants," after their secret conclave, matured two nights before the draft for the 1st Battalion left us, otherwise those of us who are left would have missed the show. Several of the caste belonged to the draft.

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The production of the revue was perhaps more worthy of a better stage and scenery than that on which it was produced. Local resources were not equal to the demands of the artistes, but in spite of these minor drawbacks the efforts of the Company produced a highly amusing piece, notwithstanding that the villain, "Jasper Wolff," worked his villainous plot through the bureau of the Adjutant, but whose machinations were eventually brought home to the complete discomfiture of the villain by Pte. Ellis, who in the capacity of Brigade sanitary man came into possession of convincing evidence which he brought home to Jasper Wolff, who in the meantime had found the good graces of Sir Horatio Challoner, whose agent he became, thus depriving the hero, Lce.-Cpl. St. Clair, of the promised post, but the timely demobilization of the Brigade sanitary man entirely changed the aspect and the hero not only became agent to the squire but also his son-in-law.

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The scenes in Act I. and II. were entirely local, and the following was the caste:—

"GOOD-BYE P.B.I."

A Revue in three Acts by Maj. A. W. Muir, D.S.O., M.C., and Lieut. K. D. Woodroffe.
Lyrics by Capt. G. E. Fenwick, M.C.
Music adapted by Pte. C. J. Carter.
Costumes by 2nd-Lieut. J. D. Appleby.

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ACT I.

Scene I. Wargnies le Grand — The day before Armistice.
Scene II. ,, — Armistice Day.
Scene III. ,, — Billeting.

ACT II.

Scene I. Wargnies le Grand ... ... Later.
Scene II. ,, ... An Estaminet.

ACT III.

Scene I. A Village in Blighty.
Scene II. ... ... Squire Challoner's Office.

DRAMATIS PERSONAE.

Lce.-Cpl. St. Clair	2nd-Lieut. C. Firth
Norma Challoner	Pte. W. D. Matthews
Jaspar Wolff	Capt. G. E. Fenwick, M.C.
Violette	Cpl. M. Watson
Sir Horatio Challoner ..	Lieut. W. H. Griffiths, M.C.
Rev. Adolphus St. Clair ..	Maj. A. W. Muir, D.S.O., M.C.
Jim	Pte. J. Ellis
Officer	Lieut. K. D. Woodroffe
Sergeant	Cpl. A. G. Waddington
	Pte. J. Davidson
Soldiers and Miners	Pte. W. G. Hallister
	Cpl. W. Macfarlane
Madame	2nd-Lieut. R. J. Bird
Oldest Inhabitant	Lieut. G. H. Ball
Pianist	Pte. C. J. Carter
Violinist	Lieut. C. H. Cooper
Stage Manager	Pte. J. Ellis

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On the 26th Col. Hardman Jones proceeded on leave and we all hope he will enjoy his hard earned rest.

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During the month there have been several concerts in "Our Theatre," all of which drew packed houses.

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On the 27th the draft consisting of eight Officers and 193 other ranks for the 1st Battalion paraded at 11.30 a.m., and preparatory to marching off was addressed by Brig.-Gen. P. H. Robinson, C.M.G., in the absence of the Divisional-Commander on leave, who said that he was asked by the Divisional-Commander to come over and bid them good-bye. and that he was pleased to tell them that their conduct during the trying time since armistice was signed and while they saw so many of their comrades leaving for home was excellent, and he thanked them for it and for the valuable services they had rendered to the Division and he hoped they would carry that high standard of conduct with them to the 1st Battalion. He hoped they would have an interesting time in the enemy's country. They would have the opportunity of studying the men with whom we had been at war with for the last four years under a different condition and he wished them good-bye and good luck.

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Maj. Muir, D.S.O., in the absence of the Commanding Officer on leave, told the men that the Colonel desired him to tell them that he thanked them for the services they had rendered to the Battalion and to remember that wherever they were they were Fusiliers, and that he wished them good luck and good-bye.

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The following Officers proceeded with the draft:—

Lieut. W. Hindmarsh	2nd-Lieut. R. J. Bird
,, R. E. D. O'Dowd	,, R. W. Walsh
,, E. G. Smith	,, J. D. Appleby
,, G. C. C. Taylor	,, A. F. Macdonald

Lieuts. Woodhead, M.C., and Dunlops proceeded to England on leave and on expiration will proceed to join the 1st Battalion.

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There are various rumours as to what is to happen to the remnants of this Battalion. It is certain, however, that at no distant date we shall find ourselves en route to the Base for home, and it is anticipated that there will not be any sighs of regret on leaving this "quaint bit of France."

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

EAST BOLDON,
23rd February, 1919.

To the great regret of all ranks of the Battalion Col. R. F. Roundell vacated the command on the 9th February in consequence of his Parliamentary duties. Col. Roundell joined the 3rd Battalion as a 2nd-Lieutenant in 1890 and became Lieutenant two years later. He was promoted Captain in 1897, and accompanied the Battalion to Malta in 1899 on the outbreak of the South African War, previous to which he had served at the Depôt. In July, 1901, he returned to England with the Battalion and served at Strensall and Alnwick. In 1908 he was gazetted Hon. Major and substantive Major the following year. In March, 1914, he took over the command of the Battalion from Lieut.-Col. R. J. Roddam, and was gazetted Lieutenant-Colonel. On the outbreak of war he brought the Battalion to Newcastle and subsequently to Scott's House Camp. In November of that year the Battalion moved to East Boldon where it has since remained. During his tenure of command he brought the Battalion to a high state of efficiency in training, discipline and administration, and set a very high example to all ranks by his unflagging keenness and energy. In every department, Officers, N.C.O.'s and men were encouraged and stimulated by the example of their C.O. Since 1914, in addition to its coast defence duties, the Battalion has trained, re-trained, equipped and sent out to the line, Service and Garrison Battalions of the Regiment overseas upwards of 22,000 N.C.O.'s and men. Its training record, including the various branches of specialist training, has been among the highest in the Home Forces, and from its War Savings Association funds it has contributed two aeroplanes, both of which bear the name of the Battalion and the Regiment. Col. Roundell was mentioned in despatches in 1918, and in 1919 was gazetted Brevet-Colonel. In the General Election he was elected Member for the Skipton Division of Yorkshire by a majority of 2,281 and has now left us to take his seat in the new Parliament. All ranks feel deeply the parting with the C.O. under whose command the Battalion has done so much, and wish him every success in his political career.

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Maj. C. P. Hawkes assumed command of the Battalion on the 9th February.

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Demobilisation is robbing the Battalion of many old friends and we have regretfully bidden good-bye amongst others to Sgt.Drmr. Ball, C.Q.M.S. Wilson, Sgt. Bromham, whose loss deprives the Headquarters concert party of its "star turn" and the Officers' Mess of a genius among mess-sergeants, C.S.M.I. Baldwin, A.G.S., Sgt. Mason, the doyen of the old Special Reserve Sergeants and the untiring manufacturer of St. George's Day roses for four years,

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C.S.M. Wilkinson, C.Q.M.S. Hannay, Sgt. Millen, Sgt. Miller, nimblest of "prestigiditateors" and provost-sergeants, and many others who have played a prominent part in the life of the Battalion.

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Among the Officers we bewail the loss of Lieuts. Hopwood and Dagnall (soccer and hockey losses), Maj. Gush, D.S.O., M.C. (who has gone to command a graduated battalion), Capt. J. O. Burne, M.C., Lieut. G. W. Hardcastle (the Detachment concert party losing its leading man), Lieut. H. J. Nichol and Lieut. B. L. Waight.

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Maj. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., Capts. McLean, Gatehouse and Newstead, D.S.O., Lieuts. W. Watson, M.C., and W. Taylor left on Monday, 24th February, for the Depôt for duty with the details of the 2nd Battalion for foreign service.

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It is more than likely that the next month's 3rd Battalion notes will be written from "somewhere else in England" as our four years' sojourn at East Boldon will probably terminate with the present month.

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9th (NORTH'D. HUSSARS) BATTALION NOTES.

Gumboot Camp,
Near Dieppe,
20th February, 1919.

From the above it will be seen we have had yet another move. We are now planted—or should I say stuck—in a part of sunny France strange to most of us. We have not seen the sun yet either. All day a stream of officers plough their way towards the Ordnance to fight for gum-boots. Only 2nd-Lieut. Brown seems to have successfully solved the problem and his appearance is anyway suitable if not strictly regimental. I will say no more as he may go on strike and that would be distinctly serious for the writer just now. (So don't mind me, Buster!)

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We were sorry to leave the Abbeville area for many reasons, and no doubt some of the reason were sorry too. Our journey here was very successful on the whole. But what did the Frenchman say who lost his rum jar? And did the ears of the Colour Party burn? So far only a few of us have reconnoitred Dieppe but no doubt soon that place will grow to know us as Abbeville did. Our last official appearance in the latter town was on the occasion of a Battalion Officers' Dinner, which despite present circumstances compared favourable with those we have had in a past already becoming dim and afar off.

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We are on a new job here and one which promises plenty of work in the near future. Surrounded by a weird horde of Chinks and Boches, fish-hawkers and R.E.'s, we, by a wave of the hand, hurl thousands of unfortunate soldiers about the district. How thankful they must be that within a few hours they will once more be enjoying "that demobilized feeling."

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Rumour whispers that soon we shall be making many new friends sent to us from our Senior Service Battalion. They may be sure of a Fusiliers welcome from those of us who yet remain. Our ultimate future is still uncertain but it is more than probable we may catch a glimpse of the once-mythical Rhine before we return again to our native "Tyne, the bonnie Tyne, the Queen of aal the waattors."

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We see little just now of our Transport who are umpteen kilometres distant. The attractions of Dieppe no doubt account for this to a certain extent, coupled with the suggestion that the wheels should be removed from the Maltese cart to enable that vehicle to be passed into use as a sledge. But what would Driver Pearson have said?

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Congratulations to No. 9 Platoon, C Coy., on "lifting" the Brigade Platoon Football Cup. No one who saw it will forget the final match against the Field Ambulance, whom we defeated 4—3 after an extra exciting game. Cpl. Thompson's three brilliant goals will also be long remembered. The cup was subsequently handed over to Capt. W. S. Allan, M.C., the very popular skipper of "C," amid great enthusiasm, it being the unanimous wish of the victorious team that the trophy should become the property of one who has proved himself an ideal leader both in and out of the line for fifteen months, and has earned the respect and affection of all who have served with him.

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Many of the heartiest also to 2nd-Lieut. G. Bestford and No. 3 Platoon of A Coy. on bringing back another cup presented by our Brigadier for a "Turn Out and Drill" competition. Real keenness and *esprit de corps* again won the day and every crdit is due to all concerned.

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We recently said farewell to Capt. and Adjt. A. V. Freshwater on his departure on "demob." He had had a long spell with us and had endeared himself to all by his unfailing good humour and cheerfulness at all times. The good wishes of his many friends follow him into civil life. May we meet again.

E.G.B.

19th BATTALION NOTES.

The event of the month has been the visit of the Military

THE VISIT OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE.

Committee of the Newcastle and Gateshead Chamber of

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Commerce, the "raisers" of this Battalion. They were held up in London on their journey out awaiting their passports which seem to have strayed. Several months ago they had been in France, but, owing to the war of movement having set in they were unable to reach us. This time they were more successful, and despite the weather, snow and keen frost being much in evidence, they toured the front from Houthulst Forest to Neuve Chappelle in a variety of vehicles, and enjoyed their experience. To crown all, they departed to Boulogne from Hellebroucq, in a lorry—and got there too. For fortitude they deserve a special mention, given herewith to Lieut.-Col. Ritson, C.M.G., Maj. R. Temperley, D.L., T.D., and Messrs. A. Brewis, F. Carrick and T. McBryde.

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For the rest there has been a steady flow of demobilised men. Except for the men retainable under Army Order Something or Other of such and such a date, we are now what is called a "Cadre." Akin to the famous query—

THE BATTALION NOW BECOMES A "CADRE."

What is a sardine? is the painful question—What is a cadre? For instance, is it pronounced Karder, Kayder, Kardrey or Kadder? Even the gilded staff has no definite plan of campaign of pronunciation. The following may be taken as a more or less veracious account of a telephone conversation wherein S.I. is the Seeker after Information and G.S. represents the Gilded Staff:—

S.I.: Reference your wire re cadre.....

G.S.: Oh yes, you tabulate the Kayder.....

S.I. (subtly flattering): I see, the Kayder.....

G.S.: All Kadders must be.....

S.I. (still more subtly flattering): I see, Kadders must be tabulated and.....

G.S.: At any rate the Kayder is composed of non-releasable men, tabulated.....

S.I. (helplessly floundering): The Kayder, oh, I see, the cadre is tabulated like a Kadder, and the total result is a Kayder or a Kardrey.....I see. S.I. then drops the 'phone and is taken to see M.O. who immediately asks about repatriation, and what about it?

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However, we are a cadre (thank heaven we can write the infernal word) and what happens next is on the knees of the gods. Meanwhile much "windiness" is about, pending the settlement of the Army of Occupation. For further information enquire of any officer whose demobilization is in abeyance!

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There has been another dance with the W.A.A.C.'s at Calais. A great success; but there is no truth in the rumour that men were induced to volunteer for the cadre (curse that word, it's worse than Mr. Dick's "King Charles' Head") on promise of further dances. The dancing classes at night still go strongly. Hope springs eternal, etc.

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During the recent spell of keen frost tobogganing was popular on the Ganspette Road. Even the threat of a *proces verbal* didn't stop it; nor the wild careering of lorries into the ditch. A liberal dose of ashes strewn surreptitiously at night finished the sport, but one consolation exists, the frost gave next day. Since when we've had rain.

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Further additions to the Honours List. We congratulate the following on the reward of the M.S.M.:—

No. 19/1225 Lce.-Cpl. F. Gibson
,, 19/753 Pte. S. Roberts

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
28th February, 1919.

WE have received from Lieut. J. J. Van der Merve a most interesting account of his career, the whole of which, however, space prevents us from publishing. The most interesting parts of it to us, are the earliest and latest occasions on which his history and that of the Regiment are connected. The first of these was at Nooietgedacht when as a member of the Boer Force he assisted to "scupper" the 2nd Battalion; the last or perhaps we should say nearly the last, was a few weeks ago, somewhere between Maubeuge and the Rhine, when as a 2nd-Lieutenant in the 1st Battalion he carried one of the colours on its journey with the Battalion en route to take up its position in the Army of Occupation!!

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If any returned prisoner of war can give any information as to what became of any of the officers and men mentioned below will they kindly communicate at once with the people whose names and addresses are given, or to the Editor *St. George's Gazette.*

Capt. Passingham, M.C., missing on 3rd May, 1917, at Monchy le Preux. Write to Mrs. Passingham, Sion House, Mount Sion, Tunbridge Wells.

Lieut. (tempy. Capt.) W. H. C. Bucknall. Write to Mrs.

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H. C. Bucknall, 28, Kensington Court Mansions, London, W.8.

Capt. R. S. Fletcher, missing 1st Nov., 1914, at or near Wytschoete. Write to Mrs. Fletcher, Elmscroft, West Farleigh, Maidstone.

No. 34476 Pte. J. W. Humphrey, Z Coy., 1st Batt. Missing at Monchy le Preux, on 3rd May, 1917. Write to Mrs. Humphrey, 16, Newcastle Road, Monkwearmouth.

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"We apologise for the delay in publishing the January Number, but flu is flu!!"

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The "flu" scourge continues to take toll of those who have come through Armageddon and it is with deep sorrow that we have to record in our obituary column the death of Capt. G. O. Sloper, M.C., one of the few remaining old Contemptibles who after enduring four years of Boche treatment as a prisoner of war has died of the effects of flu in Russia. We also learn that Lieut.-Col. J. Bett has lost his only son, a Gordon Highlander, from the same cause. We beg to offer him and Mrs. Bett our deepest sympathy, in which we are sure all readers of the *Gazette*, of which he was a former Editor, will join.

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Subscriptions are due from the following during the month of March:—

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Mrs. Davis
Mrs. Massiah Palmer
Capt. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C. (2 copies)
Lieut.-Col. G. Reavell
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Capt. The Hon. Watson Armstrong
Lieut. S. P. Brooke Booth P.R.I., 19th Batt.
2nd-Lieut. J. Hornby
" W. Carr
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" Douglas Robertson
" J. McDonald
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Capt. Lacey Thompson, D.S.O., M.C.

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2nd-Lieut. L. Steedman
Maj. Temperley
Maj. G. White, M.C.
R.S.M. W. Wright, President, Sergeants' Mess, 36th Batt.

Letter to the Editor.

NEWTON HALL ROAD,
GREAT DUNMOW,
ESSEX,
2nd March, 1919.

To THE EDITOR, *St. George's Gazette*.

SIR,—I am writing to ask you if you will be kind enough to advertise in *The Gazette* asking if anyone has got the bound volumes for 1914 and 1915 to part with.

Yours faithfully,
MR. W. PORTWAY.

[We also want a 1914 copy very badly.—EDITOR, *St. George's Gazette*.]

THE DIARY OF A DIRTY DOG.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A G.S.O. (3).

A.M.

8.0 Was called. Tragic mistake. My rule is 7 a.m. on a Divisional attack morning, 7.15 for Corps, 7.30 for Army. For a Boche attack I am not called. I am not there.

8.1 Slept.

9.0 Called again. That's better. Rose and proceeded with toilet. Bath is too cold. Must change servant.

9.30 Finished dressing after five minutes' hesitation as to shade of tie. A delicate pink-grey wins. To breakfast.

9.40 Toyed with 3 plates of porridge, 4 kippers and 6 eggs.

10.0 To office. G1 has gone up line, this being his monthly day for this, and G2 to inspect W.A.A.C.'s Training Camp to pick up—hints.

10.10 Corps post arrives. Cheerful crowd this Greyhound Corps. C.R.O.'s in verse, B.G.G.S. wears bow tie, etc. Send all important things for S.S.M. to deal with. Mark the rest "Q." (They are not really for "Q" but before they return I can steal ten minutes to look at latest "La Vie.")

10.30 Return to office. 'Phone ringing. (Orderly says has done for five minutes.) Only a new B.M. Tell him I'm G.O.C. He rings off with apologies.

10.35 Yawned.

10.45 Enter G3 of Square-Circle Div. (on our right). A priceless lad. They are all pals of ours. Have exchanged code calls and defence schemes and all that kind of rot.

10.46 Take him out for a drink.

11.0 Back to office. News of C.R.E.'s Adjutant who was removed raving owing to an Infantry Working Party and an R.E. guide meeting at the appointed place to the correct minute. He is now dead. No loss, he once let me down on a No Trump call.

11.30 G1 returns. Approaches table with cat-like stealth and gleaming eyes.

11.31 Sounds of rending paper and cracking pencil points.

11.32 Silence.

11.45 Mail arrives. I have been awarded Arcadian Order of Crowing Hen (6th class) according to *Gazette*. Letter from Cox. Overdrawn again. Must declare separate peace.

11.50 Write an order to Brigade I.O.'s Real hot. Jump-to-it-in-a-smart-and-soldierly-manner sort of style. Feel better afterwards.

11.55 D.I.O. makes first appearance after 3 rounds with his motor bike. Why can't he be a gentleman and go in a car?

P.M.

12.1 Chit from R.O.R.A. Well disciplined lad. "Submitted for approval, please."

12.3 G1 shouts: "Youth!" Beastly familiar, what? Still its best to go.

12.5 Busy.

12.6 Must have a pick-me-up.

12.7 G1 shouts again. Sure he drinks his bath-water, the kind of man who runs you down with his car when you are riding a borrowed horse.

12.8 Start writing up G1's notes on "Tactical Handling of Toothpicks."

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12.15 Report received from Comic Committee sent to report on a range. No range exists.
12.25 Tried new revolver. Registered 5 steady misses against biscuit tin at 5yds. range. Must consult D.M.O.
12.30 B.M.R.A. has gone sick. Complications arising from combination of cancelled leave, late mails and T.M explosions.
12.35 Sent out S.S. for issue to Platoon Commanders on "Cavalry Work in Open Warfare." (Boche trenches are 15 yards away from our own.) Reminds me. I asked an infantry sub. t'other day which would gain last place in his haversack, tin of "Gold Castle" or S.S. on Mischievious Minnie or was it an Earthquake. Guess his answer. No prizes offered.
12.40 To lunch.
2.40 Back once more. Lunch hardly successful owing to cook being an ex-signaller. Insulation tape round joint and earth returns in potatoes.
2.45 Enter Camp Comedian. Muddle. Has billeted new C.R.A. in ablution hut.
2.46 Enter Don Ack Quack Emma Jock. Another muddle. Umpteenth Midshires have received helmets, shrapnel, Chinese labourers, for the use of, instead of 2in. very lights.
2.48 Yawned.
2.49 Dozed.
2.50 Slept.
3.0 Rudely awakened by A.D.C. A breezy lad of immature years. Seizes my 'phone. Hurls expletives of a nature worthy of transport driver at 7 o'clock stables on a November morning. Apologises suddenly on finding himself speaking to Corps Commander instead of person who has lost Divisional Band.
3.5 Slept again.
4.0 Woke and went to tea.
5.10 Back once again. Rang up to ask R.A. if they were having a destructive shoot to-night. A huffy voice asked what the devil I mean. A.D.M.S. speaking. Oh! these signallers.
5.11 Suddenly remember have forgotten Intelligence Summary.
6.0 Finished. So out for cocktail, and won't be back to-night.

E.G.B.

FULL TIME.

GEORDIE'S LAST WORD.

Whaat we hev thowt on aboot for a gey lang time hes coome aand Aas left the aad Battalion for evor aand aalways. Ma laast paraade in froont on the Orderly Room only instead of "Caap aff" it waas "Form fowers, reet" aye, aand ne aboot torn eithor. Aa've staarted on the quick maarch to Ripon.

As Aa yence hord a speaker saay in the Bigg Maarket "Ma feelins is somewhat mixed." (But not haaf so mixed as when he wes trying for te paart his faace from yon egg Aa hoyed.) Strange to relate the officor whi wes in chaarge of ma party wes the sayem as cayem intiv wor billet lang neets by aand shoots: "The Austrayliens hes taken Naazareth." "Aye, sor," ses Aa, "aand Aa'll waarn the shephords is waatching theyor flocks weel the neet."

Before we maarches aff the Kornel speaks to us. Aa didn't heor aal he saays on account of a laad paassing a bottle ootiv the Pioneers Shop te the reor raank. (Aa wes in the reor rank aand staanding haandy forbye.)

Then aal wor aad friends, officors aand men, croods roond for the laast word.

Then coomes the commaand aand weor awaay doon through the gaates aand left them aal staanning. Paast the fuetbaall groond wheor we'll nivor shoot ne mair "Howaay the Fusiliors." A bit further on some R.A.M.C. wes waatching the soljors gan by. "Had awaay," Aa hollors, "ye greet lang hayored concientous onions." Aand se on te wheor we kepped the lorries for the Corpse Camp. Stopped theor the neet aand saang the aad, aad songs roond the fior. Anothor guid-bye to yen of wor aadest aand best liked officors whi grew to unnorstaand us minors forbye he did coom from foreign paarts. Aye aand a canny sight bettor than some othors nigher haand. Aand then the puffor for the boaat aand hyem.

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Weor torning wor baacks on the moast eventful yeors of wor lives. Guid times we've hed aand the vaary worst. We've killed and been killed; we've had troubles aand we've given trouble, moastly te the Boches aand the Military Polis. Some amaang us hev stripes and ribbons, some hes only theor lives—aand the satisfaction of knaaing deep doon they've done theor best. We've laarned te appreciete whaat a man can de when he's fayorly up agin it, cheps whaat can laaf aand leet a taab when Jerry's dropping 5.9's down the trench aand theors death just roond the travorse. . . . We've laarned discipline without lossing a bit of wor natural independence. Aand aboove aal we've laarned te think on aboot a thoosand aand yen different things aand in the daays te come when weor up from the shift, or oot on the yaard, or aff the fell side, we'll sit ower the fior aand think on agen. . . Or maybe doon at the estaminet, Aa means the pub, we'll crack on ower a sup beor.

Wheorevor we are, whaatevor wor job, we'll nivor forget it aal. Aand aalwaays yen thing we'll saay, aand by Heavens its true: "A'am gled Aa went."

E.G.B.

The following casualties, taken from War Office lists, have regretfully to be recorded:—

OFFICERS.

KILLED.

Maj.	J. S. Allen, M.C.	2nd-Lieut.	G. McP. Borland
Capt.	D. H. Bibby	,,	L. R. Chevreau
,,	R. V. L. Dallas, M.C.	,,	P. S. Cull
,,	C. E. Hardy	,,	M. Dunn
,,	A. W. D. Mark, D.S.O., M.C.	,,	J. Hodgkinson
,,	M. G. Patten, M.C.	,,	A. N. Lawson
Lieut.	A. J. Field	,,	John McIntosh
,,	L. V. Grice	,,	T. Nettleship
,,	E. G. L. Keatinge	,,	L. G. Roblin
,,	J. Macintosh	,,	D. Tyrie
,,	O. Smurthwaite	,,	W. F. Walker

DIED OF WOUNDS.

Maj.	R. B. Pritchard, M.C.	2nd-Lieut.	C. M. Davison
Capt.	G. Davies	,,	J. M. Flynn
,,	A. Rochell	,,	J. W. Stancer
Lieut. and Qrmr.	A. R. O. Draper	,,	A. G. R. Whitworth
2nd-Lieut.	C. H. J. Collins		

WOUNDED.

Lieut.-Col.	A. Irwin	2nd-Lieut.	F. B. Clarke
Maj.	A. M. Allen, M.C.	,,	T. C. Bullen
,,	J. Peddie	,,	J. G. Clark
Capt.	J. S. Clements	,,	T. D. Corbett

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„ F. G. Moore
„ A. Morris
„ F. Nixon
„ G. H. Parry
„ G. B. Riddell
„ — Robertson
„ J. S. J. Robson, M.C.
Lieut. C. V. Alder
„ G. B. Armstrong
„ W. O. Burton
„ H. S. Fitzgerald
„ E. Harland
„ J. McVey
„ A. Maughan, M.C.
„ W. L. Mayne
„ C. A. Naylor
„ E. B. L. Piggott
„ H. Robinson
„ O. Smith
„ A. Toon
„ D. E. Ward
„ C. Watts
„ C. Deuchar, M.C.
2nd-Lieut. A. Arthur
„ P. J. Baldwin
„ H. Botten
„ W. Broughton
„ A. R. Brown
„ J. B. Brown
„ H. Bull
„ P. J. Burley
2nd-Lieut. H. V. Crees
„ A. W. Davidson
„ J. F. Egan
„ J. B. Finnigan
„ L. Fletcher
„ D. Gallen
„ F. Goodall
„ J. E. M. Grant
„ M. B. Hodge
„ D. Johnson
„ W. A. Kipling
„ D. S. Lee
„ J. G. Leithhead
„ C. W. Licence
„ F. P. McCormick
„ W. Meadows
„ F. L. Mills
„ J. D. W. Mills
„ M. F. Mitchell
„ J. C. Napier
„ A. H. Oxtoby
„ E. Pickersgill
„ J. Potts
„ G. A. Priestman
„ W. H. Pringle
„ C. Robson
„ J. C. Robson
„ A. Rowe
„ J. A. Signey
„ W. Sinclair
„ W. J. Skinner
„ C. H. Walker
„ G. D. Young

W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s AND MEN.

KILLED.

No. 265492 Lce.-Cpl. F. Anderson (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 6594 J. Armstrong, M.M. (North Shields)
„ 7991 J. R. Bowman (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 32263 H. Bowman (Huddersfield)
„ 59135 J. Broderick (Kingston-on-Thames)
„ 1561 E. Chesterton (Blyth)
„ 203243 N. Connor (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 35679 A. Cryer (Normanton)
„ 37733 Actg.-Cpl. F. Dance (Ashington)
„ 35161 H. Dodd (Nottingham)
„ 37789 W. Donkin (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 8194 L. Farrell (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 45773 H. H. Garrett (Hull)
„ 47823 Lce.-Cpl. H. A. Goddard (Holloway, N.)
„ 59312 G. B. Greaves (New York)
„ 34255 S. Hall (Huddersfield)
„ 46405 Cpl. T. E. Harvey (Bermondsey, S.E.)
„ 34089 J. R. Henderson (Lesbury)
„ 31395 Lce.-Cpl. I. W. E. Hill (Leeds)
„ 59315 Lce.-Cpl. F. Hull (Chester)
„ 35699 G. Irving (Sheffield)
„ 594 J. Johnson (Gateshead)
„ 18504 Lce.-Cpl. H. Kean (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 59273 J. Kirk (Stafford)
„ 39713 P. Lacey (Normanton)
No. 316117 A. D. Burt (Middlesbrough)
„ 240441 Sgt. A. Bushell (Hebburn-on-Tyne)
„ 40071 E. Butterworth (Wakefield)
„ 65318 A. E. Clarke (Altrincham)
„ 200424 Lce.-Sgt. S Gleaves (Forest Hall)
„ 58219 T. A. Hall (Peterborough)
„ 66521 S. Halliday (Shipley)
„ 36913 A. P. Harrison (Bradford)
„ 43900 W. Henderson (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 65274 W. Hill (Liverpool)
„ 242231 Lce.-Cpl. A. E. Hornby (York)
„ 51463 R. Hudspeth (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 58358 J. H. Humphreys (Nottingham)
„ 201368 Lce.-Cpl. H. H. Knight (Liverpool)
„ 46806 Cpl. W. Letham (Mossend)
„ 240004 Lce.-Cpl. W. Logan (Walker-on-Tyne)
„ 240885 G. Logan (Byker-on-Tyne)
„ 201042 T. McAdam (Hexham)
„ 204031 B. Milcham (Norwich)
„ 1238 Lce.-Cpl. G. Morgan (North Shields)
„ 66541 J. T. Murphy (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 6123 W. Naylor (Heckmondwike)
„ 37413 P. O. O'Neill (Newcastle-on-Tyne)

DIED OF WOUNDS.

No. 265625 G. Denton (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 847 Cpl. H. E. Graham (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 60756 J. Griffin (Limehouse, E.)
„ 64597 R. Hubbard (Tyne Dock)
„ 133 J. J. Hume (Gateshead)
„ 5214 Lce.-Cpl. S. Lampard, M.M. (Middlesbrough)
„ 34627 J. Lister (Watton)
„ 45428 Lce.-Cpl. J. Murray (Belfast)
„ 55925 Lce.-Cpl. E. J. Neats (Fratton)
„ 59854 W. A. Reed (West Stanley)
„ 473 G. Shoesmith (Rastrick)
„ 60942 T. Topham (Harrogate)
„ 34862 G. E. Turner (Battersea, S.W.)
„ 60944 W. Turton (Leeds)
„ 64863 J. Armstrong (Kirk Merrington)
„ 235870 R. Bainbridge (Frosterley)
„ 65007 J. Bowyer (Stoke-on-Trent)
„ 23435 D. Burrows (Tow Law)
„ 200483 Lce.-Cpl. A. Clarricoats (Branston)
„ 81 W. Dixon (Forest Hall)
„ 55367 T. Ellis (Swallow Nest)
„ 69120 T. E. Fawell (Crook)
„ 46843 D. Graham (Motherwell)
„ 260042 G. Harker (Bradford)
„ 39605 S. D. Ingram (East Monton)
„ 64709 G. Kettlewell (Newhill West, Melton)
„ 65282 Lce.-Cpl. T. P. Lawton (Rockferry)
„ 64613 F. Littlewood (Huddersfield)
„ 59163 S. Nimmo (Glasgow)
„ 1242 J. Ogden (Seaham Harbour)
„ 59574 M. Peel (Horwich)
„ 69027 T. Salmon (Gateshead-on-Tyne)
„ 241173 J. Shaw (Hinckley)
„ 44213 W. Slight (Hull)
„ 11843 J. W. Swan (Willington Quay)
„ 40617 H. Taylor (Mossley)
„ 66 W. Weddell (Gateshead)
„ 65313 P. Whittam (Burnley)
„ 35892 A. Wright (Durham)
„ 235841 C. E. Aiston (Gateshead)
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„ 201282 J. Scott (Hull)
„ 315443 T. Stafford (Morpeth)
„ 59857 J. Stephenson (East Hartford)
„ 65102 H. Barrett (Keighley)
„ 37 A. Coulson (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 18228 W. Harvey (Melton Constable)
„ 64601 G. Hill (London, W.)
„ 60713 Cpl. S. A. L. Langford (Wath-on-Dearne)
„ 32296 R. Robinson (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 64934 W. Sinfield (Tunbridge Wells)
„ 9638 Cpl. F. Vallens (Blaydon-on-Tyne)
„ 60445 L. Woodcock (Bradford)
„ 1566 W. Clennan (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 69520 W. L. Devall (Bermondsey, S.E.)
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„ 59588 W. Rowley (Leicester)
„ 1323 J. W. Smith (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 45796 W. Varley (Huddersfield)
„ 1136 W. Burn (Shiremoor)
„ 172 H. W. Cook (Fence Houses)
„ 60702 W. Scholes (Leeds)
„ 203905 F. A. Spencer (Doncaster)
„ 1245 J. Turner (Blackhill)
„ 1758 J. Barry (Gateshead-on-Tyne)
„ 240367 R. Brown (Dudley)
„ 240765 J. Murray (Wallsend)
„ 10922 W. Osborne (Blaydon-on-Tyne)
„ 45201 F. Wainwright (Stourport)
„ 235539 Cpl. J. Weddle (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 267409 J. F. Dees (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 58171 J. W. Guest (Barnsley)
„ 242230 Actg.-Cpl. W. Hinchcliffe (Rotherham)
„ 68991 J. A. Miller (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 266070 J. Robson (Ryton-on-Tyne)
„ 365882 H. Swannack (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 290721 J. Thain (Hirst)
„ 59916 L. Armstrong (Earl Shilton)

DIED.

No. 1114 G. Chisholm (Gateshead-on-Tyne)
„ 44864 B. J. M. Field (West Bromwich)
„ 316331 E. A. Fox (Whitton)
„ 9592 J. Green (Manchester)
No. 48726 Sgt. N. Hayes (Coventry)
„ 66354 A. Hodgson (Longton)
„ 623 J. Jackson (Wheatley Hill)
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"Quo fata vocant."

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WATSON-ARMSTRONG.—At Cragside, Rothbury, on the 6th March, the wife of Capt. the Hon. W. Watson-Armstrong, M.C.—of a son.

DEATH.

HOME.—On the 12th March, at Corowa, Cheltenham, Sibylla Georgiana, widow of Capt. Garthshore Stirling Home, 5th Northumberland Fusiliers, in her 90th year.

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

COMMAND AND STAFF.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT (CL. H.H.) WHILST EMPLOYED IN A RECD. OFFICE.—Tempy. Lieut. C. J. Mackintosh, Ser. Batt., North. Fusrs. (dated 12th Dec., 1918).

(CL. H.H.).—Lieut. E. Carr, 3rd Batt., North. Fusrs., Spec. Res., and to be secd.

HEADQUARTERS FOR EMBARKATION DUTIES.

ASST. MIL. LANDING OFFICER (CL. FF.).—Capt. E. E. Dorman-Smith, M.C., North. Fusrs. from tempy. Maj., Ser. Batt., Durh. L.I., *vice* tempy. Maj. A. Y. Wishaw, Gen. List (dated 28th Jany.).

STAFF LIEUT., 1ST CLASS.—Tempy. Lieut. R. F. Williams, Ser. Batt., North. Fusrs., *vice* tempy. Lieut. H. B. Tunnard, Midd'x. Regt. (dated 24th Jany.).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

The following cadets to be tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. under the provs. of the Royal Warrant dated 30th Dec., 1918, promulgated in Army Order 42 of 1st Jany.—F. Hounam, S. Radcliffe, G. S. Kellett, S. W. Ainsley, J. J. D. McClafferty, A. C. Macintyre, H. Woodcock, G. Wilson, J. A. Wright, M.M., J. Jenkinson (dated 5th Feby.); D. F. Carmichael, J. S. Howe, J. Robson, J. Smith (dated 5th Feby.).

Capt. F. B. Corbet-Singleton, from the h.p. list, to be Capt. (dated 30th Jany., with prec. next below C. R. Freeman, M.C.); Lieut. C. Craig, 3rd Batt., Spec. Res., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (dated 28th Feby.).

Lieut.-Col. S. H. Enderby, on completion of his period of service in commd. of a Batt., is placed on the h.p. list (dated 16th March).

Tempy. Maj. C. J. Francis, M.C., relinquishes his commission on account of ill-health (dated 23rd March), and retains rank of Maj.; tempy. Lieut. J. W. D. Russell relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 23rd March), and retains rank of Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. B. Adams, M.C., to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st Sept., 1918); tempy. Lieut. B. Adams, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 23rd March), and retains rank of Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—G. Coleby, M.C. 25th Batt. (dated 30th Nov., 1918, with prec. next above A. Fairman, M.C.); S. W. A. Derby (dated 1st Feb., with prec. next below H. Gray). Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. F. A. Iung relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 23rd March), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. T. H. Boothman relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 23rd March), and retains rank of 2nd-Lieut.

2nd-Lieuts. to be Lieuts.:—T. Sanderson, M.C. (dated 28th Feby.); L. Steedman (dated 28th Feby., 1918).

Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. E. M. Moulton-Barrett, D.S.O., to be Lieut.-Col. (dated 14th Oct., 1918).

2nd-Lieut. G. Harman to be Lieut. (dated 27th Dec., 1918).

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Tempy. Maj. J. T. Janson, D.S.O. (Yorks. L.I.), to be actg. Lieut.-Col. while cmndg. 22nd Batt. (dated 28th April, 1918); tempy. Lieut. F. M. Woodman relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to commd. a Coy. 23rd Batt. (dated 2nd Nov., 1918); tempy. Lieut. F. M. Woodman (23rd Batt.) to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy., 15th Batt., Durh. L.I. (dated 11th Dec., 1918, to 22nd Dec., 1918). Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—J. Oates (dated 1st Sept., 1918, prec. next below E. J. Vipond; J. Laing (22nd Batt.) (dated 27th Dec., 1918), prec. next above J. E. M. Grant.

Tempy. Maj. A. S. O'Brien relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 27th March), and retains the rank of Maj.; Capt. R. C. Wynter, M.C., relinquishes the actg. rank of Maj. on ceasing to be emplyd. as Sec.-in-Cmnd., 12th Batt. (dated 10th Oct., 1918).

Maj. W. H. Mosley, M.C. (Wilts R.), to be actg. Lieut.-Col. while cmndg. a Batt. (dated 11th Jany. to 17th Jany.); the promotion to the tempy. rank of Lieut. of tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H.

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G. B. Booth, notified in *Gazette* 17th Jany. is cancelled; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. G. B. Booth resigns his commsn. on appt. to R.A.F. (dated 9th Nov.).

Tempy. Maj. (actg. Lieut.-Col.) J. Brunton, M.C., to cmnd. 12th Batt., and to be tempy. Lieut.-Col. (dated 5th Oct., 1918).

Tempy. Lieut. G. F. Philip to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy., 8th Batt. (dated 21st Jany.).

The following tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—N. C. Henry (22nd Batt.) (dated 26th Oct., 1918), prec. next below W. A. Cowden; G. McKay (17th Batt.), prec. next above W. L. Houghton; D. Davidson, prec. next above J. Jenkins (dated 27th Dec., 1918); C. J. Robson (22nd Batt.), prec. next above T. W. Stevens; C. E. Thorne (18th Batt.), prec. next below C. Rutledge; J. Shield, prec. next above J. Turner (dated 1st Feby.).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. F. S. Porter relinquishes commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 30th March), and retains rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. H. E. Cowling, D.S.O., M.C., to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy., 11th Batt. (dated 10th Dec., 1918); tempy. Lieut. J. G. Black relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 12th March), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. A. H. W. Mole relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 12th March), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. G. H. Bramwell relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 12th March), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. Watt (11th Batt.) to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 30th Nov., 1918), with prec. next above V. H. Howitt; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. A. Reynolds relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 12th March), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut L. W. Barrett relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 26th March), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. E. Beck (23rd Batt.) to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st Feby.), prec. next above R. D. Potter.

Tempy. Lieut. E. L. G. Clegg (11th Batt.) to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. (dated 15th Jany.); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. H. Newby to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 27th Dec., 1918), with prec. next below A. Rowe.

Tempy. Lieut. E. W. Riches, M.C., to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy., Suff. R. (dated 8th Nov., 1918); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. C. McWilliam is dismissed the service by sentence of a Gen. Court-martial (dated 19th Dec., 1918); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. F. W. Rutter relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 28th Feby.), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) C. N. G. Koch (12th Batt.) to be tempy. Capt. (dated 21st March, 1918). Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—W. L. Houghtin (dated 27th Dec., 1918), with prec. next below G. McKay; H. Gray (dated 1st Feby.), with prec. next below G. H. Kirkbride.

Lieut. T. Leah (7th Batt., T.F.) relinquishes the tempy. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with 8th Batt. (dated 9th Dec., 1918); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. G. Thomas to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 25th Dec., 1918), prec. next below W. J. Skinner.

Tempy. Lieut. R. Debarbieri relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 13th March), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. J. A. Milligan relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 13th March), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Capt. J. C. Arnold relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 15th March), and retains the rank of Capt. Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—W. M. Banks (dated 27th Dec., 1918) prec. next below E. McConnell; E. Calder (25th Batt.), prec. next below D. Gallen; J. S. Martin (11th Batt.), prec. next below R. H. Garbutt (dated 1st Feby.); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. A. Renshaw resigns his commsn. on appt. to R.A.F. (dated 14th Sept., 1918).

Tempy. Capt. L. N. L. Davidson relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 7th March), and retains the rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. L. P. Kirk relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 7th March), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. C. Mills relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 7th March), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. Capt. M. W. Drysdale relinquishes the appt. of Adjt. (dated 17th June, 1918); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. E. Rigby relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 25th Feby.), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. Capt. H. A. Davis relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 6th March), and retains the rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. E. Armitage relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 6th March), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. W. M. Bowler relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 6th March), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. A. McArthur, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 5th March), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—A. Ingle (dated 22nd May, 1918), with prec. next below F. L. Mills; T. D. Lawson (dated 14th Aug., 1918), with prec. next below A. Dorricott; B. Adams, M.C. (dated 1st Sept., 1918), with prec. next below J. Oates; F. S. B. Cone, with prec. next below W. M. Pigg; S. G. Egan, with prec. next above J. G. Leithead (dated 28th Sept., 1918); J. H. Grant, with prec. next above G. Keenan (dated 26th Oct., 1918); W. A. Cowden, with prec. next below G. Keenan; R. Kirsby-Bowes, with prec. next below M. R. Norris, E. Smith, M.C., with prec. next below E. Moore; G. C. W. Pringle, with prec. next below V. H. Howitt; W. Botting, with prec. next above H. Ansell, M. S. Bryce, with prec. next above P. Cavan (dated 30th Nov., 1918); F. P. Clarke, D.C.M., with prec. next above J. R. Miller; H. A. Dodd, with prec. next below J. R. Miller; A. T. Pentleton, G. H. Kirkbride, with prec. next below R. Charlton; A. Rowe, with prec. next above J. H. Newby; E. McConnell, M.M., with prec. next below J. H. Newby; A. C. Martindale, with prec. next below F. H. Petries; H. Botten, G. S. Sim, with prec. next below H. J. Wilson; R. E. S. Dean, W. Hunter, W. Bolam, M.C., with prec. next below P. Fawley, D.C.M., E. H. Gowdy, C. C. G. Johnstone, D.C.M., C. S. Sutherland, M.C., with prec. next below J. Jenkins; J. W. West, L. F. Gross, W. C. Hannah, with prec. next below J. E. M. Grant; D. Harvey, E. T. Rogers (dated 27th Dec., 1918); E. J. Driver (10th Batt.), R. H. Garbutt (11th Batt.), J. J. Marlee (11th Batt.), with prec. next below J. S. Martin; R. Scott (11th Batt.), with prec. next below R. Marlee, R. North, H. W. Hersey, C. G. Oliver, with prec. next below J. Turner, R. D. Potter, T. H. Taylor, D. Gallen, H. C. Brown, C. V. Scarfe, W. Blenkinsopp, G. E. Redpath, S. A. Turnbull, J. C. Brown, H. C. McDonald, M.C. (10th Batt.), S. R. Thompson, with prec. next below E. Calder, T. W. Stevens (11th Batt.), with prec. next below S. W. A. Derby, G. Jackson (dated 1st Feby.).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. T. D. Corbett relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 18th March), and retains rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—A. C. Norman (14th Batt.) (dated 27th Dec., 1918), with prec. next below S. Gray; A. H. Becke, M.C. (9th Batt.) (dated 1st Feby.), with prec. next above H. C. Brown; R. F. Tilsley (23rd Batt.), prec. next below E. T. Rogers; C. Logan (18th Batt.), prec. next above J. H. J. Edgeley (dated 27th Dec., 1918); S. Gray (14th Batt.) (dated 27th Dec., 1918), prec. next below H. Botten; C. Rutledge (17th Batt.) (dated 1st Feby.), prec. next below H. W. Hersey. Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. J. Mills resigns his commsn. on appt. to R.A.F. (dated 14th June, 1918) (since killed in action).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—M. R. Norris (dated 30th Nov., 1918), with prec. next below D. W. Reid; H. J. Wilson (dated 27th Dec., 1918), with prec. next below J. E. M. Grant.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—T. Ramsay, prec. next above B. Horner; J. Jenkins, M.C., prec. next below D. C. M. Fawley (dated 27th Dec., 1918). Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. T. J. Bedford relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 4th March), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. Gerrard to be actg. Capt., with pay and allowances of Lieut. while emplyd. as actg. Adjt. (dated 17th Nov., 1918); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. W. Noble relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 26th Feby.), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. E. Standring relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 2nd March), and retains rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Cadets to be tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. under the provisions of the

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Royal Warrant, dated 30th Dec., 1918, promulgated in Army Order 42 of 1919:—M. J. C. Hyde (dated 5th Feby.); D. N. J. Young, W. T. R. Copeland, G. Snowdon, W. E. R. Fuller, F. Steele (dated 3rd March); W. R. Chapman, J. A. Morton, J. Emmerson, J. Scougal, R. H. Cain, N. R. Heap (dated 4th March); T. C. Nichol, G. R. N. Bell, F. G. Gray, W. P. Lillico, J. Lyall (dated 5th March); J. S. Douglass, W. E. Nicholson, T. S. Purvis (dated 6th March); T. Thompson (dated 6th Feby.); C. Rollin (dated 12th Feby.); J. R. Brown, A. S. Bibby (dated 14th Feby.).

SPECIAL RESERVE.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

3rd Batt.—2nd-Lieut. J. Cannon is placed on the retired list on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 27th Feby.).

3rd Batt.—2nd-Lieut. R. Hastie is placed in the retired list on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 16th March).

3rd Batt.—2nd-Lieut. D. Johnson to be Lieut. (dated 28th Feby.).

The following Cadets to be 2nd-Lieuts. under the provisions of the Royal Warrant dated 30th Dec., 1918, promulgated in Army Order 1 of 1st Jany.:—T. W. Cowey, R. A. Lierneux.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

4th Batt.—Tempy. Lieut.-Col. V. M. FitzHugh, 6th Batt., Berks Regt., temporarily to command Batt. (dated 13th June, 1918), substituted for that which appeared in the *Gazette* of 28th Nov., 1918).

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. W. E. Calvert to be Lieut. (dated 7th Jany.).

4th Batt.—Capt. E. C. Dixon to be Maj. (dated 27th May, 1918).

5th Batt.—Actg. Lieut.-Col. H. R. Brown, D.S.O. (Maj., Cam'n. Highrs.), relinquishes actg. rank of Lieut.-Col. on ceasing to cmnd. Batt. (dated 12th Nov., 1918); 2nd-Lieut. R. Gray (since relinquished) to be Lieut. (dated 1st Sept., 1918); Lieut. R. Gray relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 1st Jany.), and retains rank of Lieut. (substituted for that which appeared in *Gazette* of 31st Dec., 1918).

4th Batt.—Actg. Maj. W. Robb, M.C. (Capt., K.O.Y.L.I.), relinquishes the actg. rank of Maj. (without pay and allowances) on alteration in posting (dated 17th Nov., 1918).

5th Batt.—Lieut. F. Nesbit relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 25th March), and retains rank of Lieut.

6th Batt.—Maj. A. B. Gracie relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 6th March), and retains the rank of Maj.

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. C. S. Richardson relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 23rd March), and retains the rank of Lieut.

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. J. G. Pickering to be Lieut. (dated 27th Dec., 1918).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. F. B. Clarke to be Lieut. (dated 1st March).

7th Batt.—Capt. (actg. Lieut.-Col.) H. Liddell, M.C., to be tempy. Lieut.-Col. (dated 16th Jany.).

7th Batt.—Capt. J. A. Flint relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 24th Feby.), and retains the rank of Capt.

7th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. J. F. Gray is seconded for service with the 43rd Garr. Batt. R. Fusrs. (dated 8th Dec., 1918).

5th Batt.—Lieut. (actg. Capt.) J. Smith, 6th Batt. relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on vacating the appt. of Adjt. (dated 8th Nov., 1918).

6th Batt.—Lieut. E. L. Bell, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 9th March), and retains the rank of Lieut.

5th Batt.—Lieut. J. P. Thompson (actg. Capt. in the Tank Corps) relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 20th March), and retains rank of Capt.

7th Batt.—Lieut. C. D. W. Mather (attd. 35th Batt.) relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 28th March), and retains the rank of Lieut.

36th Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) R. R. Robertson (attd. 25th Batt.), to be actg. Maj. while emplyd. as Sec.-in-Cmnd. (dated 7th Feby.).

5th Batt.—Lieut. F. G. Hutchison relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 26th Feby.), and is granted rank of Capt.

MEMORANDUM.

Col. E. S. Heard, h.p. list, retires on retired pay (dated 7th March).

To be actg. Capt. while emplyd. as Education Officer.—Tempy. Lieut. E. Veitch, Serv. Batt., North. Fusrs.

Lieut. F. A. Ritchie, North. Fusrs., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a T.M. Batt. (dated 14th Jany.).

Lieut. S. J. B. Stanton, 6th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F., to be tempy. Capt. (with pay and allowances as Lieut.) while emplyd. under the Directorate of Lands (dated 15th March).

The following tempy. Lieuts. relinquish the tempy. rank of Capt.:—C. W. Masters, Ser. Batt., North. Fusrs., on ceasing to be emplyd. as Asst. Instr. at an Officers' Convalescent Hospital (dated 28th Jany.). On ceasing to be emplyd. with an Officer Cadet Batt.—H. M. Spink, M.C., Ser. Batt., North. Fusrs. (dated 5th Feby.).

MACHINE GUN CORPS.

The relinquishment of the actg. rank of Maj. by Lieut. G. McCree (5th Batt., North. Fusrs., T.F.) notified in *Gazette*, 27th Aug., 1918, is cancelled.

MACHINE GUN CORPS (INFANTRY).

Capt. N. B. N. Good, M.C. (4th Batt., North. Fusrs., T.F.), to be actg. Maj. while Sec.-in-Cmnd. (dated 28th Aug., 1918, to 11th Dec., 1918).

GENERAL LIST.

Tempy. Lieut. G. R. Fortune, from 26th Ser. Batt., North. Fusrs., to be tempy. Lieut. on appt. as probationer to Indian Army Reserve of Officers (dated 23rd Jany., with seniority from 2nd April, 1917); tempy. Lieut. N. Maccoy, from 2nd Garr. Batt., North. Fusrs., to be tempy. Lieut. for duty with Graves Registration Unit, Mesopotamia (dated 15th May, 1918).

LABOUR BATTALION.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. to be tempy. Lieut.—J. W. West, from North. Fusrs. (Ser. Batt.) (dated 27th Dec., 1918).

GARRISON BATTALIONS.

3rd Home Ser. Garr. Batt.—Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. T. F. Cadman to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 17th Dec., 1918).

R. Fusrs., 44th Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Capt. G. H. Phillips, from North. Fusrs. (Ser. Batt.), to be tempy. Capt. (dated 24th Dec., 1918, with seniority from 1st Feby., 1915).

3rd Home Ser. Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. S. Sinclair, from R. Scots (Ser. Batt.), to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 9th Jany., with seniority from 1st July, 1917).

2nd Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. J. P. K. McDowell to be tempy. Capt. (dated 1st Nov., 1918).

HONOURS.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

8th March, 1919.

Tempy. Maj. I. G. C. Brady, M.C., 9th Batt., North. Fusrs.
Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) N. B. Pigg, M.C., 1st Batt., North. Fusrs.

BAR TO MILITARY CROSS.

8th March, 1919.

Lieut. C. Smith, M.C., 2nd Batt., North. Fusrs. (M.C. gazetted 1st Jany., 1919)

Tempy. Capt. H. G. Steele, M.C., Northd. Fusrs., attd. 1st Batt. (M.C. gazetted 19th Nov., 1917).

MILITARY CROSS.

8th March, 1919.

Tempy. Capt. E. M. Parkinson, North. Fusrs., attd. 9th Batt.
Lieut. (actg. Capt.) U. H. Dodd, 2nd Batt. North. Fusrs.

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Lieut. H. Robinson, 4th Batt., North. Fusrs. (T.F.), attd. 9th Batt.
Tempy. Lieut. J. H. Robson, North. Fusrs., Spec. Res., secd. 37th Batt., M.G.C.
Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) R. J. Rogers, 2nd Batt., North. Fusrs.
Lieut. C. Huntly, 4th Batt., North. Fusrs. (T.F.), attd. 17th Batt., Lancs. Fusrs.
2nd-Lieut. A. E. V. Gallon, 4th Batt., North. Fusrs. (T.F.), attd. 18th Batt. Lancs. Fusrs.
Tempy. Capt. C. M. Goodall, North. Fusrs. attd. 9th Batt. (Intell. Officer, 103rd Inf. Brigade).
Lieut. R. Woodward, 5th Batt., North. Fusrs. (T.F.), attd. 36th Batt.
Tempy. Lieut. W. E. Hicks, 19th Batt., North. Fusrs.
Tempy. Lieut. P. H. L. Brough, 23rd Batt., North. Fusrs., attd. 4th Batt.
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. H. Becke, North. Fusrs., attd. 9th Batt.
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. P. C. Cockerell, 1st Batt., North. Fusrs.
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. L. E. Coston, North. Fusrs., attd. 12/13th Batt.
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. C. Wilkinson, 9th Batt., North. Fusrs.
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. M. Babbitt, 22nd Batt., North. Fusrs., attd. 9th Batt.
2nd-Lieut. E. C. Melvin, R.F.A., attd. 9th Batt., North. Fusrs.

WAR OFFICE MENTIONS.

27th March, 1919.

Maj. (tempy. Lieut.-Col.) H. Luhrs, C.M.G., 5th Batt., North. Fusrs. (T.F.).
Capt. D. K. McComb, 4th Batt. (T.F.), attd. 35th Batt., North. Fusrs.
Capt. B. E. Hervey-Bathurst, North. Fusrs.
Qrmr. and Maj. R. P. Norman, North. Fusrs.
Lieut. G. E. Yarrow, 6th Batt., North. Fusrs. (T.F.).
No. 4607 R.S.M. W. Cobban, 3rd Batt., North. Fusrs.
No. 16/456 R.Q.M.S. G. Forster, 16th Batt., North. Fusrs.

BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL.

29th March, 1919.

(M.M.'s gazetted 21st Oct., 1918).

No. 14551 Cpl (Actg.-Sgt.) J. Hogg, M.M., 1st Batt. (Ashington)
„ 29560 Sgt. J. R. Lisle, M.M., 1st Batt. (Durham)
„ 22144 Pte. E. Withers, M.M., 10th Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne) (Italy)
„ 16/1277 Cpl. (actg. Lce.-Sgt.) J. E. Stirling, M.M., 11th Batt. (New Delaval) (Italy)
„ 15178 Cpl. W. Mee, M.M., 11th Batt. (Nottingham) (Italy)

(M.M.'s gazetted 12th December, 1917).

No. 5238 C.S.M. W. Bertram, M.M., 11th Batt. (Sheffield) (Italy)
„ 13880 Sgt. H. E. Smith, M.M., 11th Batt. (Nottingham) (Italy)

(M.M. gazetted 21st September, 1916).

No. 7485 Cpl. (Lce.-Sgt.) E. Oldfield, M.M., 11th Batt. (Cleckheaton) (Italy)

(M.M. gazetted 28th July, 1917).

No. 38752 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) C. Stones, M.M., 11th Batt. (Walkley) (Italy)

MILITARY MEDAL.

13th March, 1919.

No. 41172 C.S.M. R. Hardman, D.C.M., 3rd Batt. (Wigan)
„ 11980 C.S.M. J. W. Spraggon, 14th Batt. (Newcastle)
„ 23962 Sgt. J. C. Baily, 14th Batt. (Sheffield)
„ 17657 Sgt. A. Dodds, 14th Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 10277 Sgt. J. E. Emaleton, 14th Batt. (New Hartley)
„ 10326 Sgt. J. Johnson, 14th Batt. (Elchester)
„ 19/516 Sgt. T. Marwick, 19th Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 20587 Sgt. J. Roddam, 14th Batt. (Wellington)
„ 18/471 Pte. P. Adamson, 14th Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 32030 Pte. (actg. Cpl.) S. Giblin, 14th Batt. (Newport)
„ 240497 Pte. G. Lawson, 5th Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)

29th March, 1919.

No. 6703 C.S.M. R. N. Button, D.C.M., 10th Batt. (Bishop Auckland) (Italy)
„ 10772 C.Q.M.S. H. Fail, 11th Batt. (Whickham) (Italy)
„ 5103 C.Q.M.S. E. Tuck, 10th Batt. (Backworth) (Italy)
„ 5594 Sgt. J. Dean, 10th Batt. (Blyth) (Italy)
„ 2887 Sgt. E. Goffee, 11th Batt. (Walthamstow) (Italy)
No. 19631 Sgt. J. B. Lindsay, 10th Batt. (Byker) (Italy)
„ 34723 Sgt. W. Mitchinson, 10th Batt. (Walker-on-Tyne) (Italy)
„ 46778 Sgt. F. Pickfrill, 11th Batt. (Hanley) (Italy)
„ 16117 Sgt. T. Rutherford, 10th Batt. (Shirewood) (Italy)
„ 15684 Sgt. J. Smith, 11th Batt. (Sheffield) (Italy)
„ 22555 Cpl. T. Clift, 10th Batt. (East Stanley) (Italy)
„ 1128 Cpl. (Lce.-Sgt.) J. F. Underwood, 11th Batt. (Wallsend-on-Tyne) (Italy)
„ 22293 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) B. W. Blackett, 11th Batt. (Skelton-in-Cleveland) (Italy)
„ 78451 Pte. T. L. Brewis, 11th Batt. (Burnopfield) (Italy)
„ 47274 Pte. D. Clifton, 10th Batt. (Enfield) (Italy)
„ 46937 Pte. (Actg.-Cpl.) F. J. Critchett, 11th Batt. (Portsmouth) (Italy)
„ 28/568 Pte. H. Dickeson, 28th Batt. (Dalton-le-Dale) (Italy)
„ 48049 Pte. F. S. Earl, 11th Batt. (Seaford) (Italy)
„ 78255 Pte. J. Henderson, 11th Batt. (Chopwell) (Italy)
„ 15699 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) J. W. R. Jobson, 10th Batt. (Morperton) (Italy)
„ 10720 Pte J. Lanaghan, 11th Batt. (Lemington-on-Tyne) (Italy)
„ 15920 Pte. G. McClure, 11th Batt. (Belfast) (Italy)
„ 14264 Pte. T. Morris, 10th Batt. (Hirst) (Italy)
„ 267666 Pte. W. Ness, 10th Batt. (Old Hill) (Italy)
„ 15828 Pte. E. Rodgers, 11th Batt. (Jacksdale) (Italy)
„ 41928 Pte. E. Schofield, 10th Batt. (Leeds) (Italy)
„ 55779 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) R. Smith, 11th Batt. (E. Hull) (Italy)

Our Roll of Honour.

LIEUT.-COL. W. W. T. MASSIAH-PALMER.

Lieut.-Col. W. W. T. Massiah-Palmer, late 13th Batt. North. Fusrs., who died on the 17th February last, aged 33 years, joined the Regiment in September, 1914. He was a B.A. of Exeter College, Oxford, and obtained a commission direct from the Oxford University O.T.C. He was gazetted Captain and Adjutant in November, 1914, and went to France in September, 1915. In August, 1916, he became Major and Second in Command and remained with his unit through much strenuous fighting until January, 1917, when he was sent home on sick leave suffering from gas poisoning. As soon as he was fit for duty again he was made Adjutant of the 1st C. of London Volunteers, in which position he continued to serve till February, 1918, when he was made a Deputy Assistant Director under the Imperial War Graves Commission. He was attached to the Staff at the War Office until the end of March, 1918, when he went to the East on a duty tour through Egypt, Palestine, Gallipoli, Serbia, Bulgaria and Salonica. He was gazetted Lieut.-Colonel and Assistant Director in December, 1918, and in February, 1919, came home to attend conferences, having travelled some 2,300 miles. He landed on the 2nd February, and on the 7th February was taken ill with bronchial influenza which was aggravated by the development of an attack of typhoid fever (contracted abroad) and which resulted in his death on the 17th February. He leaves a widow and a small daughter of three years, to whom we tender our deepest sympathy in their loss made so much more tragic by the fact that the late Col. Palmer was only married in 1914 and almost all his married life had been spent in separation from his family.

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Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

Since our last notes the Battalion has moved into Cologne. We left Novenich on the 21st February, some of the inhabitants expected us to be relieved by Sparticists, and spent the night at Kerpen. We reached Ehrenfeld, a suburb of Cologne, on the afternoon of the 22nd February. The Battalion is billeted in two schools. We relieved the 2nd Batt. Coldstream Guards, and a day later we took over guard duties from the 13th Batt. King's Liverpool Regt. During our first week the whole of the Battalion was on guard duties, the Band being busy in playing in new units and playing out the 13th Batt. King's Liverpool Regt., who left on the 26th to go to another Division.

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On the 27th our Officers' Soccer team beat the 2nd Royal Scots 2 goals to 1 goal at Duren, thus winning the cup.

Team:—2nd-Lieut. R. Brown (*goal*); 2nd-Lieut. E. Coppick, Capt. J. Smith (*backs*); 2nd-Lieut. H. Rigby, Lieut. A. D. Moore, Lieut. S. Pearson, M.C. (*half-backs*); Lieut. H. M. Greener, M.C., Capt. N. B. Pigg, D.S.O., M.C., Capt. W. H. S. Wood, Capt. W. E. Richardson, Lieut. A. H. Porter-Hargreaves (*forwards*).

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On the 4th March the 2nd Batt. Royal Scots (afterwards the winners of the Cup) beat our Officers' Rugger team 15 points to nil. Ten of our original team were on leave or demobilised. On the 6th March the Divisional Commander said "Good-Bye" to the Battalion and demobilisation started again. On the 8th, Gen. Plummer presented the Officers' Soccer Cup to the Battalion after the final of the Regimental soccer teams which was won by the Gordon's. We are now almost reduced to Cadre, and having handed over our equipment to the 53rd Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, expect to go any day. We are to go to the 2nd Battalion and take over their equipment, after which we hope to follow them to England as quickly as possible. We were very pleased to have Gens. Yatman and Girdwood to lunch on Sunday, a return visit to one we paid them at Bonn. We also met Maj. R. B. Simms, M.C. (of the late 3rd Battalion) in the Hole Strasse, Cologne. He is an A.P.M. near here.

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The following Officers left during the month for demobilisation:—

Lieut. F. Haswell	2nd-Lieut. J. J. Van der Merve
2nd-Lieut. T. Williams	

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The following old 1st Battalion N.C.O.'s and men have left for demobilisation:—

No. 202601	R.Q.M.S. H. Nicholson	No. 1907	Sgt. A. Worth
„ 711	Sgt. T. Bruce	„ 2038	Cpl. H. Farrow
„ 1180	Actg.-Cpl. G. Matthews	„ 7903	Lce.-Cpl. L. Wardle
„ 1916	Pte. A. Briggs	„ 2462	Pte. W. Brydon
„ 8132	„ G. Chambers	„ 412	„ T. Dyke
„ 3284	„ C. Gregory	„ 9168	„ A Hind
„ 7375	„ P. Horan	„ 3339	„ W. Hewitt
„ 2422	„ W. Morton	„ 6668	„ W. Richardson
„ 3345	„ A. Wellgreen		

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The undermentioned were transferred on the 11th March:—

TO 51st BATTALION NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS

Capt. W. E. Richardson	Lieut. M. R. Hull
Capt. N. B. Pigg, D.S.O., M.C.	2nd-Lieut. C. A. Yarrow
Lieut. J. M. Goodbody, M.C., attd. R.D. Fusrs.	„ P. C. Cockerell, M.C.
	„ N. Powell
Lieut. A. L. Moore	„ R. Handcock
„ T. Williams	„ J. G. Brown

Also 135 other ranks.

TO 52nd BATTALION NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Maj. C. G. Arkwright, M.C.	2nd-Lieut. R. C. Stuart
Capt. C. H. Steel, M.C.	„ H. Wiles
„ G. H. Ailgood	„ R. Brown
Lieut. W. C. Clemitson	„ E. J. Walker
„ A. H. Porter Hargreaves	„ A. Dewar
2nd-Lieut. J. C. Todd	

Also 131 rank and file.

TO 53rd BATTALION NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Capt. E. G. Pease, M.C.	2nd-Lieut. H. Rigby
Lieut. D. S. Rowe	„ A. H. Appleby
„ A. S. Winton	„ R. Skey, attd. R.W.R.
„ S. Pearson, M.C.	„ J. J. Simpson
„ D. Pilling	„ T. A. C. Holmes, M.C.
2nd-Lieut. E. Coppick	

Also 131 rank and file.

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We were pleased to see R.S.M. J. Sykes, of this Battalion, and hope to see R.Q.M.S. J. Haddon, M.M., when he arrives from England.

2nd BATTALION NOTES.

Wargnies le Grand,
17th March, 1919.

Although our contribution to the Army of Occupation on the Rhine left us on the 27th of last month they did not leave Le Quesnoy till mid-day on the 5th inst., owing to a change in posting. They then left under orders to join the 36th Battalion and not the 1st as stated in these notes last month.

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At the last moment Capt. U. H. Dodd, M.C., joined the contingent in place of 2nd-Lieut. G. C. C. Taylor.

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We were very sorry to part with "Doodles" who has been a favourite with everyone in the Battalion, ever since he joined us on the Strama some two years ago. He was not only a keen soldier but a keen sportsman and took a very lively and active part in our games. Although more of a sailor yet he proved himself an excellent soldier and he carries away with him the heartiest of best wishes of the 2nd.

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We are now a sorry spectacle on parade, and for salvage work we get about three men and something like 16 boys turned out for duty. Rather rough on the boys, isn't it, but somebody's got to do it.

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The Brigadier inspected us on parade on the 14th and we had an opportunity of seeing what we looked like on parade. Unfortunately no camera was available. The picture would have proved a memorable one at the end of a great war if it had been possible to "snap" it.

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During the past three weeks we managed to stage "our" Revue P.B.I. three times since its first production, but the inroads on the caste by the stern grip of demobilization

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has had the effect of recasting the company for each performance, but in spite of these drawbacks the "Revue" nevertheless lost no interest. Our last performance, on the 4th, was attended by the Brigadier and his Staff and by the hearty burst of laughter appeared to enjoy all the "stunts." Alas the theatre over which so much trouble was taken is now back to its original bare condition of four walls.

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At Valenciennes the 3rd Army have been running an excellent entertainment for some time, which goes by the name of "Le Rouge et Noire," and to obtain seats one had to book some days before. Several Officers and men have already enjoyed it, being conveyed to and fro by lorry.

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The dresses of the "Ladies" were both marvellous and pretty, and so too was the dancing. Some of them made quite pretty girls while not a few showed themselves well conversant with those little feminine touches stars usually adopt. Their acting was good and their movements graceful. The singing was enjoyable and greatly appreciated.

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There is an excellent Officers' Club at Valenciennes so Officers were able to enjoy an excellent dinner before commencing the return journey. There were clubs, too, where the men were able to sustain themselves for the trip back to billets.

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One or two families in the village possess good pianos and erstwhiles some Officers put in an afternoon's practice killing time.

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The few of us that are left are hourly waiting orders which will turn our faces homewards, but alas we see no chance of marching through the streets of London "*en fête.*" We shall probably enter unobserved by the back door. Anyway our return will be very different in appearance to our departure from Winchester in January, 1915.

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Our hearts are heavy with the memory of those fine and gallant Officers and men, we shall see no more, who set out so gaily with the Battalion on that bright sunny morning. Our motto was our lead, but their memory lives.

2ND BATTALION NOTES (NUCLEUS).

At 07.00 hours, on the morning of Tuesday, the 25th February, a small party of six Officers and 30 other ranks of the 5th Fusiliers might have been seen on the platform of the Central Station, Newcastle, endeavouring to stow away two tons of heavy baggage into a small passenger luggage van on the 07.50 hours London express. This small but energetic body of men represented the nucleus of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Fusiliers, which had formed at the Depôt during the preceding week-end and was now about to embark on the London express en route for Bordon Camp, Aldershot.

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The stowing of the above mentioned baggage being completed, to the wonderment of a group of anxious railway officials—Officers and men boarded the train and in due course arrived at Bordon Camp—the heavy baggage following three hours later, owing to the lack of transport across London, which later deficiency was quickly made good by the energetic measures adopted by the Officer left in charge (Capt. McLean), who at once used all available telephones with a vigour that was not to be gainsayed.

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By 21hrs. the greater and more necessary parts of our new quarters (St. Lucia Barracks) had been taken over, which quarters we found we had to share with the nucleii of two other units, the 2nd Batt. York and Lancaster Regt., and the 2nd Batt. D.L.I. It was then discovered that a good meal had been prepared for all ranks, due to the foresight of our new Brigadier—Gen. Heriot Maitland, C.M.G., D.S.O.—for which all ranks were duly grateful. The next few days were taken up with settling in, forming joint Messes, taking over huts, stores, etc., and cleaning up, which latter duty was highly necessary and it is not yet completed (21st March), owing to the amount of cleaning required, with few men to do it.

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Life now consists of fatigues and little else, but an increase in numbers is expected shortly, which will relieve the pressure and enable work of a more interesting character to be carried out, so that cleaning and scrubbing and scrubbing and cleaning will not be the only order of the day.

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The weather at present consists of a delightful blend of snow, rain and sun, the two former elements predominating; but in spite of this and fatigues, time has been found—as it always will be found—for football, and some inter-regimental contests are on the tapis.

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There is a rumour that we are to move again shortly and as our two tons of baggage has now grown to twenty, the idea of a move inspires fear and trepidation.

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The following is a list of Officers and Warrant Officers at present forming the Nucleus Battalion:—

OFFICERS.

Commanding: Maj. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O.
Adjutant: Lieut. (Actg. Capt.) G. J. W. Gatehouse.
Lieut. (Actg. Capt.) B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C.
Lieut. (Actg. Capt.) T. H. McLean.
Lieut. W. Watson, M.C.
Lieut. W. Taylor.

WARRANT OFFICERS.

R.S.M. J. H. Crabtree	C.S.M. T. S. Robinson
Q.M.S. W. G. Pack	,, S. Johnston
,, A. Ambury	,, H. Moody
C.S.M. W. Wodehouse	,, M. T. Hiorns
,, A. D. Milford	,, C. W. Hone

G. J.W.G.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

No. 13 CAMP,
DURRINGTON,
SALISBURY PLAIN.
20th March, 1919.

On Monday, the 3rd March, the Battalion left East Boldon, its home for four strenuous years, with mingled feelings. Regret for the happy days of hard training, earnest endeavour in work and play and for the memories of the many good Fusiliers who had shared them and who left never to return. Joy at saying good-bye to mud and misery, weather wet and windy, and sorrow at parting with many who have been real good friends to the Battalion and whose kindnesses will not be forgotten.

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The Battalion, under Maj. C. P. Hawkes, entrained at 8.50 a.m. and after a long and not unpleasant journey detrained at Amesbury at 10.30 p.m., and marched the four miles into camp in pitch darkness and pouring rain. It has taken some time to settle down owing to our being a week in advance of our baggage and to our having to have a strong rear-party at Boldon to clear up and hand in, but we are now feeling our feet and settling in to what is a real good camp and one free from many of the minor discomforts under which we laboured in the North.

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The other units in the Northern Reserve Brigade are old friends of Tyne Garrison, Durham Light Infantry (our immediate neighbours), York and Lancs and West Yorks, the latter battalion being commanded by an old Fusilier, Col. Frend, of the 2nd Battalion.

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Maj. C. E. Thornton has been succeeded in the Adjutancy by Capt. R. V. Taylor, of the 3rd Battalion. No words of mine can express what the Regiment owes to Maj. Thornton who has sacrificed his health to his duty and than whom there has assuredly been no harder worked or more zealous Adjutant in the British Army during the war.

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Another familiar figure is also missing from the Orderly Room; Q.M.S. Gale has at length gone to the retirement which he has so well earned and the Regiment loses one of its most distinctive figures. His encyclopædic knowledge of administrative and routine work and the philosophic and literary touch which he added to all his duties will never be forgotten by those who were brought into contact with him.

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Our R.S.M.'s have also changed; R.S.M. Ouzman having taken over from R.S.M. Cobban when the Battalion left Boldon.

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Many old friends greeted us on our arrival in Southern Command; among those who are now our neighbours being Lieut.-Col. Charles Wood, who occupies a lofty eminence on the Command Staff at Salisbury.

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Our prospects in sport and games are good and we hope to render a good account of ourselves at football, hockey, boxing and cross-country running. Several of the Officers display "witching horsemanship" with the Tidworth Hounds. In this connection we all console with Capt. Taylor, who had a nasty fall on the 18th March while exercising his new charger and spent several days in Fargo Hospital as a result.

C.P.H.

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The following letter was received from the G.O.C. No. 1 Section before the Battalion left the Northern Command:—

"HEADQUARTERS,
"No. 1 SECTION,
"TYNE GARRISON,
"CLEADON,
"28th February, 1919.

"DEAR MAJ. HAWKES,

"As the time has now come when No. 1 Section, Tyne Garrison, will very soon cease to exist as a formation, I feel I cannot let it break up without a word of appreciation to all those who formed the Section for the way in which they have carried out their duties.

"I know very well the Commanding Officers have often had an uphill game to play, and it must very often have seemed a thankless one for if things went well there was little or no praise but if things went wrong there was always blame—often undeserved.

"It may be some consolation to Commanding Officers to know that the opinion of no less an authority than Gen. Sir W. Robertson, as expressed to me personally, was that the Command of a Reserve Battalion was one of the hardest and most thankless jobs a man could have.

"My own experience has been that Commanding Officers have shown themselves to be a public-spirited body of men, who, regardless of praise or blame, have carried out their duty conscientiously for the good of the Army with marked success though often under adverse circumstances.

"I tender them my very sincere thanks for their good work and loyal co-operation.

"I would also thank the Staff of the Battalion and all training personnel, for the excellent work they have performed, and the zeal and enthusiasm they have shown in preparing recruits to take their place in the fighting line. They have often had to work at very high pressure, and with depleted numbers, owing to the heavy calls made on their personnel for overseas. They have, however, succeeded in their task, and the drafts sent abroad amounting to many thousands of men have been in a high state of training.

"To the men themselves, my thanks are due for the really excellent behaviour they have shown during the year I have been in command. When one considers that the strength of the Section has been as high as 17,000 men, and has never been less than 10,000 men, I think it is a matter for pride and congratulation, not only to the Section, but the Army, that I have received no complaint at all as to the men's behaviour from the civil authorities.

"In bidding farewell to all, which I do with much regret, I am glad to think that nothing has occurred during my command which could in any way mar what will be to me a very happy memory.

"I feel sure that the Battalion will carry to its new station the firm resolve to maintain the good name it has already earned, and when general demobilisation comes and we all return once more to private life, I hope that the best of luck and happiness may be the lot of each and everyone.

"In thanking you personally for your cordial co-operation, might I ask you to convey as much of this letter as is applicable to those concerned.

"Yours very sincerely,
"G. W. HIBBERT, Brig.-Gen.

"Maj. C. P. Hawkes
"Cmdg. 3rd Northumberland Fusiliers."

4TH (RESERVE) BATTALION NOTES.

At last the welcome news of the disbanding of this Battalion has been received as from the 28th February.

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When we write most of the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men

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have either been demobilised or transferred elsewhere. All our stores are returned and it is now only a question how long it will take to clear up.

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During February we received a large number of returned prisoners of war sent in to us owing to congestion in the 3rd Battalion.

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It will be remembered that the 3rd Line T.F. Units were thrown off from their 2nd line units on the 10th June, 1915. They were originally the 3/4th (Col. E. Joicey), 3/5th (Lieut.-Col. T. J. Carlile), 3/6th (Lieut.-Col. A. C. Kayll) and 3/7th (Lieut.-Col. J. J. Gillespie). The names were later changed to the 4th Reserve, 5th Reserve, etc. On the 1st September, 1916, the four Battalions were amalgamated in the 4th (Reserve) Battalion under Lieut.-Col. Gillespie.

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The four original Battalions trained from June, 1915, till April, 1916, at their peace stations. In April, 1916, they were concentrated at Redcar and their subsequent stations have been Catterick and at three different camps in the Hull Garrison, finishing at Rolston Hutments, near Hornsea.

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In 1915 the 4th Battalion formed part of the 3rd Line Northumberland Division which was commanded by the O.C. No. 5 District (Col. W. B. Capper). He had the assistance of Col. Sawyer as Supervising Officer with Maj. W. E. Stephenson, N.F., as Brigade Major and Capt. Hankin as Staff Captain. At the beginning of 1916 the Division was divided into two groups of six battalions. The Northumberland Fusiliers were grouped with two Battalions of the Yorks Regt., under Brig.-Gen. T. G. L. Herbert Armstrong, N.F., as Group-Commander, Maj. W. E. Stephenson, N.F., as Brigade Major, and Capt. A. B. Thompson, N.F., as Attached Officer.

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On amalgamation in September, 1916, the two groups were amalgamated as four Battalions in the Northumbrian Reserve Brigade. Brig.-Gen. W. R. Clifford (late Cheshire Regt.) and Brig.-Maj. T. W. Youngson (K.O.S.B.'s) came from the other group.

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In July last Gen. Clifford retired and Brig.-Gen. R. S. Vandeleur, C.B., C.M.G. (late Seaforth's) took his place. Gen. Vandeleur, Maj. Youngson and Capt. Thompson were there till the finish when they left to take over another Brigade.

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We lay down our pen with regret, but at the same time with pride.

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We could give some wonderful statistics.

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At the moment the only T.F. Units left are the 1/7th, 2/7th and the 36th, all overseas. And what of the T.F. in future? It is highly probable it will go on as before.

"Quo fata vocant."

9TH (NORTH'D. HUSSARS) BATTALION NOTES.

MARTIN EGLISE CAMP,
NEAR DIEPPE,
22nd March, 1919.

Since the pencilling of our last notes we have experienced many changes. I mentioned before the expected arrival of a draft from our 8th Battalion. In the fulness of time they came, and after them poured in reinforcements from our 7th Batt., the 2nd and 9th Batts. Yorkshire Regt., and the 10th and 11th Batts. East Yorkshire Regt. Consequently our strength is somewhere about 50 Officers and 1,200 other ranks. Practically all the men are "young soldiers," keen and fresh and smart, and that very shortly they will prove themselves very efficient Fusiliers no one doubts. Among the Officers we have already made many new friends. With all, we sympathise when we realise they have lost their own regiments but we trust that before long the FIFTH will have taken the place of those regiments as far as possible. In the meantime we hope we have made all ranks welcome after our own manner, and we venture to think we have not failed. The little address of Maj. J. R. Wharton to the incoming troops did much towards this. Members of the old 9th are not many these days yet we still manage to make ourselves heard sometimes! (Who said "especially after dinner?")

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Our future is undecided but it is fairly certain that we shall have a considerable stay in this place. Whether we shall ever see the Rhine is a matter of pure speculation but if we do have that good luck, we may say without any undue boasting that we can be relied upon to keep going our best traditions, and that the standard first set in August, 1914, will be maintained until the end of our existence.

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Our Abbeville detachment, headed by Lieut. R. de V. Papenfus, recently rejoined us and may be congratulated on the low average of escapes made by the gentle Boches under their care. The rumour that the Officer in question has been recommended for the E.F.C. Long Service Medal is strongly denied. We say nothing about that permanent fatigue—!

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As we have been gradually reduced to "retainables" demobilisation has naturally slackened off. Since our last dispatch Capt. W. S. Allan, M.C., 2nd-Lieut. W. Bateson, M.M. and 2nd-Lieut. S. Brown have been our only officer departures. Capt. Allan joined us in the early summer of 1917 and has served with us continually from that time, commanding C Coy. for the past 13 months. He won a splendid M.C. and bar and his conduct in action, particularly during the two retreats of a year ago are not easily forgotten. A man of high ideals and the possessor of a retiring nature, his friendship once gained was something to value and a more popular officer among all ranks we have seldom had the pleasure of knowing. So here's tae ye "Wullie!"

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"Bill" Bateson, most cheery of pals and best of company, leaves a sad vacancy in mess, and "Buster" Brown, an original member of the famous Quayside Coy., will also be much missed. To them and all who have recently

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left us we can only repeat the old "best of good luck and may we meet again."

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Leave lately has been none too plentiful. A few of the "lucky lads" have scrounged draft conducting jobs and have worked a "buckshee" day or two in consequence. They report the migration of the 3rd Battalion has quite altered the East Tyne district.

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It is not long ago that Lieut. and Qrmr. J. Hutson, D.C.M., was the subject of a paragraph in these notes, referring to his sterling service rendered to us since our very formation. For a considerable time unfortunately his health has been far from good and few were surprised to hear that, following his admittance to hospital, he had been evacuated to Blighty. The gap caused by his departure is indeed a wide one and it is hard to realise the well known figure has gone from among us. But we hope his enforced rest will entirely restore his health and that in days to come we may renew our friendship with "Jimmy," most gallant and most respected of Fusiliers.

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The Battalion Soccer Team have done well in the Camp League and at the conclusion of their fixture list occupy top place. Their first four matches yielded eight points with a goal total of 26 against 2. In addition we gained four points for two games scratched by our opponents. In our last match however we were unexpectedly beaten 4—2 by the Field Ambulance, our team being far below form and never showing any of the combination or shooting power which had previously gained a considerable reputation. However, we have one or two "friendly" games to play yet and a complete return to form is hoped for. Of the side the most consistent player has been Pte. Frost at left back well supported by his partner, Pte. E. Gibson. At half Pte. Curtis has done well while 2nd-Lieut. Curson has played some useful games. The inside forwards, Sgt. White, Cpl. Thomson and 2nd-Lieut. Lovell have shown excellent form and demonstrated splendid goal finding powers. On the left wing C.Q.M.S. Coates, in beating men half his age, has let us see there is "life in the old dog yet" and his touch line trickiness has delighted the big "gates." But we wonder if those threats and promises of a certain contingent of spectators has anything to do with it?

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Golf has lately claimed a few enthusiasts and Hockey has been introduced into the Battalion by our new arrivals. The latter has been condemned by on-lookers—and some victims—as far more dangerous than a 5.9 barrage. Attempts to raise a Rugger team are in the wind.

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We get plenty of entertainment hereabouts, concerts, pictures, dances and the like. Evenings in Dieppe are popular especially among the members of the Sergeants' Mess. It is curious how many people miss the last train. But why those headlong rushes to the Y.M.C.A.? Perhaps Lieut. Lefebvre can tell us.

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The "Duckboard Arms" continues to prove a very paying concern, and 2nd-Lieut. "Timber" Woods may frequently be noticed rubbing his hands. Several strangers who have dropped in to sample our famous "mule kicks" have gone away convinced of the strong spirit of the Battalion.

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The local civilian population, not to mention the "Chinks" and "Jerry's" who wander about our midst, have been scared daily of late by weird apparitions riding regimental chargers, flourishing hunting crops, blowing "horns and uttering strange and uncouth cries." We have not been called the mad English without cause. Despite efforts to jump messing huts and canter down sheer precipices only two casualties of any severity have so far occurred. But we live in hopes.

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Notices regarding our proposed Association are being sent to Newcastle and district newspapers. A few names have already trickled in but we have our eye on one or two *Gazette* subscribers who have not yet "joined up."

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A further "situation report," regarding this, next month.

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16TH AND 18TH (SERVICE) BATTALIONS NOTES.

The 16th and 18th (Service) Battalions have each formed "Comrades Leagues." The objects of these leagues are as follows:—

To maintain comradeship amongst those of all ranks who have served in the 16th and 18th (Service) Battalions, Northumberland Fusiliers.

To hold a re-union at least once a year.

To take such steps in the interests of past members of the Battalions and their dependants as may be found desirable.

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The rules of the Leagues contain *inter alia* the following:—

All who have served in the 16th or 18th (Service) Battalions, Northumberland Fusiliers, shall be eligible for membership.

Except so far as otherwise provided in these rules or by resolution of a General Meeting, the affairs of the League shall be managed by a Committee to be appointed annually by the members at the Annual General Meeting of the League, the Committee to hold office until the next annual meeting.

The Committee shall consist of not less than 5, nor more than 9 members, exclusive of *ex-officio* members, and shall have power to add to its numbers up to the limit of nine ordinary members.

All applications for membership of the League to be sent to the Hon. Secretary for approval of the Committee.

Each member shall pay an annual subscription of 2/- to the funds of the League (in addition to cost of suppers, etc., which he attends).

A general meeting of the members shall be held in Newcastle in each calendar year.

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The Officers and Members of Committee of the 16th Battalion are as follows:—

PRESIDENT:
Lieut.-Col. W. H. Ritson, C.M.G., V.D.

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Sgt. W. F. Dodd	Pte. H. Taylor	
R.S.M. J McPherson	Sgt. J. W. Summers	*ex-officio.*
Cpl. J. T. W. Penman	Mr. T. M. McBryde	*ex-officio.*

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The Officers and Members of Committee of the 18th Battalion are as follows:—

PRESIDENT:
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VICE-PRESIDENTS:
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Lieut.-Col. Robert Stephenson, D.S.O.
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Major R. Temperley, D.L., T.D.
Major Percy Bell

HON. TREASURER:
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2, Linden Terrace, Gloucester Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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Ex-S.M. C. Rainey	Ex-Pte. T. L. Cowey	
Ex-Sgt. J. H. Parmley	Capt. R. Wood	*ex-officio.*
Ex-Sgt. A. Mawston	Mr. T. M. McBryde	*ex-officio.*

19TH (PIONEERS) BATTALION.

It used to be thought that no sensation could be more poignantly rotten that "the just back from leave" feeling. But even that is a long way second to the "just waiting for demobilisation" feeling. Weeks roll on, and nothing definite is known. Rumours flourish, and wilt. Spirits rise and fall in rapid alternation, each fit of despondency being worse than the preceding one. "The Cadre is going to England on the 18th," says the batman to the Something-or-Other on the Staff. On the 19th all faces have lengthened considerably; on the 20th despondently dejected figures study the murky waters of the Canal, or a sleek form wanders aimlessly along the banks of the stream in the grounds of Hellebroucq Chateau.

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We find amusement in little things, and work to shreds any little chance of a joke. The Padre came to the assistance by springing the news that a daughter had arrived, his opening score. He has received more advice on the rearing of children than is contained in all the *Mother's Manuals* ever published. Two days later came the news that he was likely to be demobilised.

"On compassionate grounds?" asked the ubiquitous wit.

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Now that the animals have all gone the frolics in Eperlecques Forest have to be on foot; and nature students enthuse over the appearance of long tailed tits or golden crested wrens. While he who sees a wild boar is regarded as unique; he appears to be leading in the helter-skelter towards madness. (Note.—There *are* wild boars in the Forest.) A sorry life, oh, G.H.Q. And we speak more in pity than in anger.

THE PADRE BOWS HIS ACKNOWLEDGMENTS FOLLOWING THE APPLAUSE GREETING HIS OPENING "SCORE."

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We regret to announce the death, on the 10th March, from broncho-pneumonia, of 2nd-Lieut. W. C. Rutherford. He was ill but a short while, and died in St. Omer. An impressive funeral was tribute to the great loss we have sustained.

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Many Officers who are now serving elsewhere, took

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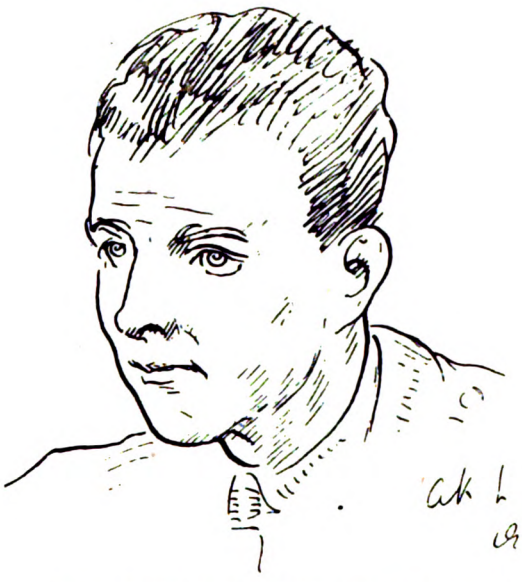
excellent photographs while the Battalion was in England. These will be of considerable value in the compilation of the



"THAT WAITING FOR DEMOBILIZATION FEELING."

19th Battalion History, a copy of which is being presented to all the original members by the Newcastle and Gateshead Chamber of Commerce Military Committee. Will Officers who have any such photographs dealing with the training, sports, St. George's Day celebrations, etc., please send them

SAID THE BATMAN: "THE CADRE GOES TO ENGLAND ON THE 18TH."

as early as possible to the Editor, Capt. C. H. Cooke, M.C., 19th Battalion, North. Fusrs., B.E.F.

It is proposed to form a 35th Division Annual Dinner Club for Officers now serving or who have served with the Division. Further particulars may be obtained from:—

Lieut.-Col. Harrison Johnston, D.S.O.,
Queen's Road,
Hoylake, Cheshire.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
31st March, 1919.

We beg to tender our "birthday" congratulations to the Old Comrades Leagues of the 16th and 18th Battalions. We hear that they are still looking for a home but that thanks to the generosity of Mr. Alfred Brewis, who has temporarily provided them with a room, light, music (a piano) and games, they have somewhere to "rendezvous" at until they can acquire a suitable and more permanent abode. We wish them many happy and successful meetings.

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We are asked to state that the order for the five Swords of Honour for presentation, with the Freedom of the City, to:—

Admiral The Rt. Hon. Viscount Jellicoe, of Scapa, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O.
Admiral Sir David Beatty, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., D.S.O.
Field-Marshal The Right Hon. Viscount French of Ypres, K.P., G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, K.T., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.I.E.
General Sir Edmund H. H. Allenby, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., has been entrusted to the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Co., Ltd., 112, Regent Street, London, W., 1.

Each sword will be 18ct. gold, richly jewelled and with ornamental in enamel and relief work, specially relating to the City of London and the War Service of the various recipients.

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We publish in this number the annual accounts of the *Gazette* with balance sheet. As will be seen our income and expenditure account for last year shows a loss of £92 2s. 6d., and we confidently expect that the loss this year will be greater. Owing to increase in the cost of all labour and materials the publishers have had to add 25 per cent. on to their account since last year, while with demobilisation our receipts are bound to fall off. It is impossible to introduce further economy in producing the *Gazette* which is now only half its pre-war size, and we warn all our readers that before long they will be faced with the question of whether the price is to be put up or whether the *Gazette* is to vanish altogether.

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To assist them in making up their minds we may inform them that the cost of publishing one single copy works out at nearly fivepence and that it is sold except to Officers at 2d.

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With regard to the accounts themselves there are two items which perhaps need explanation. One of these is

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donations £6 2s. 6d., which represent £5 given to the Comforts Fund from the *Gazette* funds, and £1 2s. 6d. given to the Comforts Fund, by Capt. Grew, through the *Gazette*. The other item is Editorial expenses, £15. This represents *three* years of Editorial management and covers at the rate of £5 per annum a number of out-of-pocket expenses for which no separate vouchers are produceable, the items being included in our private accounts or paid for on the nail. The sundry expenses item of £32 includes *The Times* and the Official Casualty lists, etc., while postage now is a big item with the additional halfpenny.

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If any returned prisoner of war can give any information as to what became of any of the officers and men mentioned below will they kindly communicate at once with the people whose names and addresses are given, or to the Editor *St. George's Gazette*.

Capt. Passingham, M.C., missing on 3rd May, 1917, at Monchy le Preux. Write to Mrs. Passingham, Sion House, Mount Sion, Tunbridge Wells.

Lieut. (tempy. Capt.) W. H. C. Bucknall. Write to Mrs. H. C. Bucknall, 28, Kensington Court Mansions, London, W.8.

Capt. R. S. Fletcher, missing 1st Nov., 1914, at or near Wytschoete. Write to Mrs. Fletcher, Elmscroft, West Farleigh, Maidstone.

No. 54476 Pte. J. W. Humphrey, Z Coy., 1st Batt. Missing at Monchy le Preux, on 3rd May, 1917. Write to Mrs. Humphrey, 16, Newcastle Road, Monkwearmouth.

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Subscriptions are due from the following during the month of April:—

Mr. A. Canning
Lady Bertha Dawkins
Col. A. J. Foster, C.B.
Mrs. L. Gibson
Maj. G. C. Holderness
Maj. R. H. Isacke
,, D. Myles
,, G. Milburn
Capt. Mort
Lieut.-Col. G. Spain, C.M.G.
Sergeants' Mess, 5/68th R.D.
Lieut. Soper
Mr. G. Terrill
Capt. W. Watson
Lieut. O. G. Burbridge
Lieut. A. McArthur, M.C.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Capt. M. Barwick, Scots Greys
Capt. Boyle
Lieut. J. M. F. Craven
Capt. W. M. Dodd
Maj. A. F. Douglas
2nd-Lieut. R. C. Elliott
Lieut. W. H. Fay
Lieut.-Col. Gathorne Hardy, D.S.O.
Capt. V. C. Hardy
2nd-Lieut. W. Harvey
2nd-Lieut. J. Hanley
Mrs. Jones
Miss E. G. Johnstone
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Lieut.-Col. G. Reavell
2nd-Lieut. F. W. Ridley
Maj. T. F. M. Smart
Lieut. W. Smart
2nd-Lieut. L. Steedman
Maj. Temperley
Maj. G. White, M.C.

Letter to the Editor.

8, Higham Place,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

To The Editor, *St. George's Gazette*.

Dear Sir,—The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions and donations received between 1st January and 31st March, 1919, as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Col. D. Sapte	2	2	0
Col. E. W. Dashwood	2	2	0
Mrs. Herbert Armstrong	1	1	0
Lieut.-Col. J. A. C. Somerville, C.M.G.	1	1	0
Mrs. B. Finch (In memory of Lieut. P. G. Finch, M.C., 1st Battalion)	6	0	0
Capt. H. C. Hall	5	0	0
Hon. F. W. Lambton	1	0	0
Col. J. J. Robinson	1	1	0
Miss A. Booth	2	2	0
Col. M. W. Biddulph	5	0	0
Brig.-Gen. F. C. Carter, C.B.	1	1	0
Col. W. S. Darley	2	2	0
Col. G. H. Dyke	2	2	0
Brig.-Gen. F. L. Festing, C.M.G.	1	0	0
Col. Hon. Gathorne Hardy	1	1	0
Mrs. Harkness	1	1	0
Col. E. S. Heard	2	2	0
Brig.-Gen. C. H. L. James	2	2	0
Brig.-Gen. Hon. C. Lambton, D.S.O.	5	5	0
Col. Hon. M. O'Brien, M.V.O., D.S.O.	2	0	0
Col. G. A. Pagan	1	1	0
Maj. F. W. Saunders	1	1	0
Brig.-Gen. W. H. Sitwell, C.B., D.S.O.	2	2	0
Col. A. E. Whitaker	5	0	0
Capt. J. H. L. White	1	1	0
Col. C. A. Wood, D.S.O.	1	0	0
Col. W. C. Wright	1	0	0
Mrs. M. J. Carden	1	1	0
Maj. G. M. Harding	1	1	0
Capt. M. L. Sant	1	1	0
Depôt R.A.T.A., per O.C. Depôt	25	0	0
Brig.-Gen. T. G. L. Herbert Armstrong	3	3	0
O.C., 3rd Battalion	500	0	0

Yours very truly,

J. M. Bett, Lieut.-Col.
Secretary and Treasurer.

The following casualties, taken from War Office lists, have regretfully to be recorded:—

W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s AND MEN.

Killed.

No.	42498	Sgt. J. Lobban (Sunderland)	No.	240371	W. D. Patterson, M.M. (Dudley)
,,	35316	A. Mains (West Coundon)	,,	235226	Lce.-Cpl. H. Pearson (Haydon Bridge)
,,	48297	Cpl. S. Masdin (Sheffield)	,,	48520	W. Robertson (Alnwick)
,,	17545	Lce.-Cpl. J. Mason (Durham)	,,	240282	R. Robinson (Walls-end-on-Tyne)
,,	41473	J. Melor (Sowerby Bridge)	,,	65347	J. Rourke (Manchester)
,,	41199	F. W. Moore (Manchester)	,,	65356	W. J. Smith (Carlisle)
,,	1192	J. O'Hare (Gateshead)	,,	204929	H. E. Sykes (Bradford)
,,	38876	G. H. Paylor (Malton)	,,	65369	A. Warder (Manchester)
,,	1218	Cpl. R. Pemberton (Sunderland)	,,	31883	G. Watson (Driffield)
,,	212	Cpl. E. Pooley (North Shields)	,,	202136	B. Woodrow (Norwich)
,,	5387	T. Sadler (Thornaby-on-Tees)	,,	43088	T. Archbold (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
,,	41342	W. Scalby (Sheffield)	,,	32679	W. H. Bell (Lemington-on-Tyne)
,,	36746	J. W. Thompson (Perth)	,,	47564	W. B. Blackley (Edinburgh)
,,	205724	W. Wintrip (Blaydon-on-Tyne)	,,	267327	T. Breeze (Durham)
,,	47180	A. Bew (Kensington, W.)	,,	265571	Sgt. S. Brooks (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
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" 5702 M. Alderson (Aylesbury)
" 61987 P. Brownridge (Newcastle)
" 34795 J. Cowans (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
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" 18739 C. Duncan (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
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„ 31710 J. Brown (Kilburn)
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"ST. GEORGE'S GAZETTE."

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1918.

LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
CREDITORS:—		
For Subscriptions in advance ..	45 0 0	
Printing Account	36 6 5	
		81 6 5
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT as last ..	410 7 0	
Less: Loss for year from Income and Expenditure Account	92 8 3	
		317 18 9
		£399 5 2

ASSETS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
DEBTORS:—		
For Subscriptions in arrear ..	5 0 0	
For *Gazette*, etc.	45 8 11	
		50 8 11
CASH at Bank	19 1 0	
CASH on Deposit	318 0 0	
CASH in hand	11 15 3	
		348 16 3
		£399 5 2

Audited and certified correct in accordance with the Books.

GILLESPIE BROTHERS & Co.
Chartered Accountants.

20th March, 1919.
4, OXFORD STREET,
LONDON, W. 1.
and at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1918.

1918.	£ s. d.
Dec. 31st—To Cost of Printing and Publishing ..	394 7 5
„ Cost of Blocks	20 11 0
„ Cost of Binding Volumes	17 2 6
„ Sundry Expenses (including Postage, Stationery, Audit Fee, etc.) ..	32 4 10
„ Editor's Expenses	15 0 0
„ Donations	6 2 6
	£485 8 3

1918.	£ s. d.
Dec. 31st—By Subscriptions and Donations ..	156 4 0
„ Advertisements	38 1 9
„ Sale of *Gazettes*	166 18 3
„ „ Bound Volumes	13 16 0
„ Interest on Deposit	18 0 0
„ Balance being loss for year	92 8 3
	£485 8 3

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NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS' AID SOCIETY.

TREASURER'S RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1918.

Dr. RECEIPTS. **Cr.**

1918		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Jan. 1st	To BALANCE from previous year:		
	In the Bank	268 8 9	
	,, Secretary's Hands	5 2 2	273 10 11
Dec. 31st	,, DIVIDENDS from Society's Investments ..	93 2 7	
	,, ,, (late) 3rd Battn. Investment ..	69 6 9	
	,, SUBSCRIPTIONS	66 10 6	
	,, DONATIONS (including gift of £200 National War Bonds Regd. 1927, 5% in Scrip)	335 15 0	564 14 10
	,, INCOME TAX Refund ..	73 18 9	
	,, LOAN Repaid	0 5 0	
	,, SALE of Old Clothing ..	0 10 0	
	,, ,, "Echoes from a Regimental Paper"	1 10 0	76 3 9
			£914 9 6

1918.	PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dec. 31st	By CASES RELIEVED (38) ..	103 10 0	
	,, LOANS GRANTED	2 0 0	
	,, SUBSCRIPTIONS to Homes and Charities	7 1 0	112 11 0
	,, PURCHASE OF NATIONAL WAR BONDS 5% Regd. 1923	300 0 0	300 0 0
	,, EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION:—		
	Postages	3 5 11½	
	Printing and Stationery	12 2 6	
	Second-hand Typewriter Purchased	7 10 0	
	Secretary's Allowance ..	25 0 0	
	Clerk's Allowance ..	6 0 0	
	Auditor's Fees, 4 years	8 8 0	
	Miscellaneous Expenses	2 4 2½	64 10 8
	,, NATIONAL WAR BONDS GIFT:— per contra, allocated to Investments Account ..	200 0 0	200 0 0
	,, BALANCE:—		
	Cash in the Bank ..	235 5 4	
	,, in Hand	2 2 6	237 7 10
			£914 9 6

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1918.

LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To CAPITAL ACCOUNT:—		
Balance at beginning of year	3118 11 11	
Deduct Loans outstanding as at 31st Dec., 1917, since written off as irrecoverable ..	176 2 6	
	2942 9 5	
Add receipts during the year in excess of Permanent Expenditure	465 11 11	3408 1 4
		£3408 1 4

ASSETS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By INVESTMENTS (ALL TAKEN AT COST) viz.:—		
£600 Natal Government 3½% Stock (1934-44)	580 7 3	
£605 N.E.R. 4% Pref. Stock	734 17 3	
£219 12s. 7d. New Zealand 3% Stock ..	200 0 0	
£300 Caledonian Railway 4% Pref. Stock (1884)	307 19 6	
£250 New Zealand 4% Stock (1943-63) ..	247 17 3	
£400 War Loan 4½% (1925-45)	397 17 3	
£400 National War Bonds Regd. 5% (1927) ..	400 0 0	
£300 National War Bonds Regd. 5% (1923) ..	300 0 0	3168 18 6
,, LOANS OUTSTANDING (1918)		1 15 0
,, CASH:—		
In the Bank	235 5 4	
In Hand	2 2 6	237 7 10
		£3408 1 4

Audited with the books of the Society and certified correct. The balance at the Bankers and the Investment Stock Receipts and Certificates have also been duly verified by me.

CHARLES COWELL, A.C.A.,
Auditor.

Newcastle-on-Tyne, 3rd March, 1919.

J. BETT, Lt.-Colonel,
Secretary and Treasurer.

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BIRTH.

MAYDON.—On Good Friday, the 18th April, at Upper Holloway, the wife of No. 2276 Lce.-Sgt. P. Maydon, late 1st and 2nd Batts. Fifth Fusiliers—a daughter.

DEATH.

ELLIOT.—On the 14th February, at Babworth Hall, Retford, Edward Elliot, late 1st Batt., 5th Fusiliers, aged 75 years. (For 39 years the faithful servant and friend of Lieut.-Col. A. E. Whitaker).

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

COMMAND AND STAFF.

ASST. PROV. MARSHAL (CL. FF.).—Maj. B. W. E. Gething, North. Fusrs., from a Deputy Asst. Prov. Marshal (Cl. FF.).

ASST. PROV. MARSHAL (CL. FF).—The date of the appointment of Maj. B. W. E. Gething, North. Fusrs., notified in the *Gazette* of 7th April, is 17th March.

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Lieut.-Col. H. S. Ainslie, C.M.G., is placed on the h.p. list, and retains his present appointment at Dispersal Staff School, Wimbledon (dated 10th April).

Lieut.-Col. F. C. Turner, C.M.G., is placed on the h.p. list on account of ill-health (dated 26th April).

Qrmr. and Maj. A. Landen, D.S.O., D.C.M., is restored to the establishment (dated 12th April); Qrmr. and Capt. W. Smith retires on retired pay on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 18th April); R.S.M. J. H. Maynard to be Qrmr., with rank of Lieut. (dated 18th April).

Lieut. E. G. Pease, M.C., retains the actg. rank of Capt. whilst cmndg. a Coy. (dated 28th Dec., 1918).

Lieut. J. C. Whyte to be actg. Capt. whilst cmndg. No. 507 P. of W. Coy. (dated 1st Nov., 1918).

Tempy. Lieut. J. Smith, Ser. Batt., to be actg. Capt. (addtl.) (dated 12th Jany.).

Lieut. (actg. Capt.) K. A. Wills, M.C., resigns his commsn. (dated 3rd April).

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Maj. E. L. Thompson (York and Lancs. Regt.) (3rd Batt., Spec. Res.) (Lieut., retired pay) to be actg. Lieut.-Col. while cmndg. 9th Batt. (dated 15th Jany.); tempy. Lieut. R. M. Huntrods (25th Batt.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. (dated 14th June, 1918); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. Williamson (12th Batt.) to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 27th Dec., 1918), with prec. next above H. Botten.

Tempy. Maj. B. Tabrum relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 23rd April), and retains the rank of Maj.; tempy. Capt. J. Wright relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 23rd April), and retains rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. E. G. Pattison relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 23rd April), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. A. D. Thomas relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 23rd April), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Capt. B. S. Taylor relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 4th April), and retains the rank of Capt.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. R. J. V. Boyd relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 4th April), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

The undermentioned tempy. Capts. are seconded for duty as specified against their names:—N. E. Robson, while emplyd. Admiralty; F. R. Dore, M.C. (12th Batt.), while emplyd. Instrnl. Staff; J. Fawcett, M.C. (19th Batt.), while emplyd. 51st Grad. Batt.; F. G. Wilson, M.C., while emplyd. Staff Capt.; J. Bainbridge (25th Batt.), while emplyd. 27th Batt. Durham L.I. (T.F.); C. Rowell, while emplyd. 52nd Grad. Batt., Bedf. R.; W. P. Curry, while emplyd. Regtl. Depôt; R. B. Mitchell, while emplyd. 116th Training Res. Batt.; S. G. Ridley, while emplyd. Hdqrs. of Army; F. A. Hobbs, while emplyd. 52nd Grad. Batt.; L. B. Proctor (16th Batt.), while emplyd. 52nd Grad. Batt. Devon R.; C. F. Mayos (16th Batt.), while emplyd. second-in-command 7th Batt. (T.F.); H. C. Kirsopp (14th Batt.), while emplyd. Regtl. Depôt (dated 15th Dec., 1918); F. Stephenson, while emplyd. 52nd Grad. Batt.; G. S. Fortune, while emplyd. 52nd Grad. Batt. (dated 21st Dec., 1918); S. C. Wells (18th Batt.) (dated 4th Jany.), while emplyd. Machine Gun Corps Training Batt.; W. W. Raynham (dated 8th Jany.), while emplyd. R.T.O.; W. S. Holbrook, M.C. (18th Batt.) (dated 29th Jany.), while emplyd. 53rd Y.S. Batt.; P. N. Graham (dated 10th Feby.), while emplyd. Record Office, York; T. A. Oakeshott (12th Batt.) (dated 24th Feby.), while emplyd. 3rd Batt., Spec. Res.; E. G. Bowers, M.C. (dated 14th Feby.), while emplyd. 3rd Batt., Spec. Res.; G. White, M.C. (12th Batt.) (dated 10th March), while emplyd. second-in-command 51st Grad. Batt., Bedf. Regt.

Tempy. Capt. D. Mathieson, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 9th April), and retains the rank of Capt.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. R. A. Lamarque resigns his commsn. (dated 17th April).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. T. Charlton (20th Batt.) to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 26th Oct., 1918), with prec. next below W. E. Boulter.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. R. S. Markham (14th Batt.) to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 27th Dec., 1918), with precedence next below W. Hunter.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. E. Walton relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 24th April), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. N. Newton to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 27th Dec., 1918), with prec. next above W. Bolam, M.C.

Cadets to be tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. under the provisions of the Royal Warrant dated 30th Dec., 1918, promulgated in Army Order 42 of Jany., 1919:—H. R. Greene, G. E. Pirouet, J. Swales, A. M. Adlard, J. Graid, J. S. Doherty, H. W. Keenan, S. Pullan, A. C. Robinson, R. G. Torry, G. W. Baird, J. Mackey, F. V. Hallam, A. J. Trotman, B. J. Wallace, W. C. Bradbeer, R. F. Clark (dated 17th March); R. Mills (dated 18th March); A. H. Percy (dated 19th March).

Tempy. Lieut.-Col. B. C. M. Western, D.S.O. (Bt.-Maj., E. Lan. R.), relinquishes the tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. on vacating the cmnd. of 11th Batt. (dated 28th March); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. S. Bowmer, M.C., to be actg. Capt. with pay and allowances of

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Lieut. while emplyd. as actg. Adjt., 25th Batt. (dated 21st Oct., 1918).

Tempy. Capt. A. M. Davis relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 11th April), and retains the rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. A. L. Scaife, M.C., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. 12th Batt. (dated 19th Feby.); tempy. Lieut. H. J. Armstrong relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 11th April), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Capt. J. R. Sader to be Adjt., 17th Batt., *vice* tempy. Capt. J. Garvie (dated 14th Feby.); tempy. Lieut. E. Stephenson (18th Batt.) relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy., 12th Batt. (dated 10th Nov., 1918); Lieut. R. Trenam, M.C., to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy., 12th Batt. (dated 24th Nov., 1918); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. Blake to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy., 25th Batt. (dated 17th Oct., 1918).

Tempy. Lieut. D. R. Davies relinquishes his commsn. on account ill-health caused by wounds (dated 15th April), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. R. A. Dent, M.C. (10th Batt.), relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. (dated 14th July, 1918); tempy. Lieut. J. W. Lamb relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 9th April), and is granted the rank of Capt.

Tempy. Lieut. C. E. Picker relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 25th April), and retains the rank of Lieut. Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—H. Sears (dated 22nd May, 1918) with prec. next below A. Ingle; S. Walton, with prec. next below C. E. Thorne; A. E. Kell, W. C. Rutherford (since deceased) (dated 1st Feby.).

Tempy. Lieut. J. Greer relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 15th April), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. H. Green relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 15th April), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. V. F. Jordan relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 15th April), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) E. W. Riches, M.C., to be Adjt., 11th Batt. Suffolk R., and retain his actg. rank, with pay and allowances of Lieut. while so emplyd., *vice* tempy. Capt. C. V. Canning, M.C. (dated 27th Dec., 1918). The following tempy. Lieuts. to be actg. Capts. while cmndg. Coys.:—H. F. W. Knowles (10th Batt.) (dated 20th Jany.); S. V. Bradford (8th Batt.) (dated 11th Feby.); tempy. Lieut. G. Keenan relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 5th April), and retains the rank of Lieut.

The following Cadets to be tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. under the provisions of the Royal Warrant dated 30th Dec., 1918, promulgated in Army Order 42 of 1919:—E. M. Ricker, M.M., S. E. Anglass (dated 3rd March); C. A. Smith (dated 4th March); C. P. Morrow, H. G. Patterson (dated 5th March); W. Bell, W. Eagle, F. L. Eyton, J. Clark, W. Peat, M.M., C. Swinburne (dated 6th March); J. R. Boon, M.M., W. Gray, T. W. Priestland, W. F. Roberts, S. Sharpley (17th March); J. W. Davison, L. Haig, W. Hutton, R. T. Lloyd, J. W. McKay (dated 18th March).

TERRITORIALS.

Northumberland Fusiliers.

4th Batt.—Capt. (tempy. Maj.) H. Cheesmond, M.C., takes rank and prec. in his Corps and in the Army as if his appt. as Capt. bore date 1st Dec., 1916 (dated 15th March).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. W. H. Middleton-Andrews is restored to the estbt. (dated 13th March).

4th Batt.—Lieut. W. H. Barugh relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 7th April), and retains the rank of Lieut.

4th Batt.—Lieut. R. Wood relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 12th April), and retains the rank of Lieut.

4th Batt.—Lieut. C. N. Baty is restored to the estbt. (dated 19th Feby.); 2nd-Lieut. G. A. Thompson is restored to the estbt. (dated 31st Jany.).

4th Batt.—Lieut. C. D. Soman relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 23rd April), and retains the rank of Lieut.

4th Batt.—Lieut. (actg. Capt.) W. B. Hicks relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. (dated 9th Feby.).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. A. A. Pickering to be Lieut. (dated 26th March).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. H. White to be Lieut. (dated 27th Dec., 1918).

5th Batt.—Capt. H. N. Gibson relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 26th April), and retains the rank of Capt.; Lieut. H. S. Fleming, M.C. (attd. 36th Batt.) is restored to the estbt. (dated 17th Jany.).

5th Batt.—Lieut. R. J. Richardson (actg. Capt., Labour Corps) relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 24th April), and retains the rank of Capt.

5th Batt.—Capt. G. W. Dodds is restored to the estbt. (dated 5th Feby.).

5th Batt.—Capt. G. B. Gill is restored to the estbt. (dated 28th Feby.).

5th Batt.—Lieut. S. Townsend is restored to the estbt. (dated 7th Feby.).

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. H. J. Scott to be Lieut. (dated 1st Sept., 1918); 2nd-Lieut. E. N. Emmerson is restored to the estbt. (dated 1st March).

6th Batt.—Lieut. (actg. Capt.) J. V. Gregory, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 26th April), and retains the rank of Capt.

6th Batt.—Capt. A. Temperley, D.S.O., is restored to the estbt. (dated 16th March).

6th Batt.—Lieut. E. C. Henderson is restored to the estbt. (dated 25th Jany.).

6th Batt.—Capt. R. F. Burnand (tempy. Maj., M.G.C.) relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 23rd April), and retains the rank of Maj.

6th Batt.—Lieut. A. McN. Smallwood is restored to the estbt. (dated 17th Jany.).

6th Batt.—Qrmr. and Capt. G. M. Hutchinson relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health and retains his rank (dated 18th April).

7th Batt.—Lieut. H. Mason is restored to the estbt. (dated 10th Feby.); Lieut. (actg. Capt.) (addtl.) E. Nixon relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (addtl.) on ceasing to be emplyd. (dated 17th Feby.).

7th Batt.—Lieut. E. H. F. Blumbardt is restored to the estbt. (dated 23rd March).

7th Batt.—Lieut. G. Robertson (attd. 35th Batt.) relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 4th April), and retains the rank of Lieut.; Lieut. G. H. Whitehouse relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 4th April), and retains the rank of Lieut.

7th Batt.—Lieut. A. E. Rambaut is restored to the estbt. (dated 19th Feby.).

7th Batt.—Lieut. E. N. MacNaught is restored to the estbt. (dated 23rd Jany.).

35th Batt.—Lieut. (actg. Capt.) H. Dalgarno-Robinson relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on alteration in posting (dated 3rd Feby.).

SPECIAL RESERVE.

Northumberland Fusiliers.

3rd Batt.—2nd-Lieut. D. A. Rogers to be Lieut. (dated 27th Dec., 1918).

MEMORANDUM.

Lieut.-Col. F. C. Turner, C.M.G., h.p. list, retires on retired pay on account of ill-health (dated 26th April).

Tempy. Capt. (actg. Maj.) G. White (North. Fusrs., Ser. Batt.) (Lieut., North. Fusrs.) retains the actg. rank of Maj. while 2nd-in-command 31st Grad. Batt. Bedf. Regt. (dated 12th March).

Tempy. Capt. L. S. N. Palmer (R. Dublin Fusrs., Ser. Batt.), to be actg. Maj. while 2nd-in-cmnd. 52nd Grad. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 13th Feby.).

Lieut. H. Towers, 6th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (dated 2nd Feby.).

The following relinquish the tempy. rank of Capt.:—Lieut. T. O. Donkin, 7th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F., on ceasing to be emplyd. as Brig. Bombing Officer.

To be tempy. Lieut.—Lieut. R. A. White, M.C. (T.F.), from 6th

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North. Fusrs., T.F., for duty with the Army Signal Service (dated 15th Feby.).

The following Capts. relinquish the tempy. rank of Maj.—J. A. Herriott, 4th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F., on ceasing to be emplyd. as Instructor (dated 14th Feby.).

To be tempy. Capts.:—Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. (actg. Capt.) J. M. Hamilton, Ser. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 22nd Feby.); tempy. Lieut. J. A. Luke (Cam'n. Highrs. Ser. Batt.) to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy., 52nd Grad. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 13th Feby.).

MACHINE GUN CORPS.

To be Adjt., and to be actg. Capt., with pay and allowances of Lieut. while so emplyd.—Lieut. J. Cox-Walker (North. Fusrs., Spec. Res.) (dated 6th Feby.).

The following to be actg. Capts. while cmndg. Coys.:—Lieut. D. McL. Douglas (6th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F.) (dated 19th Aug., 1918, to 31st Aug., 1918, inclusive).

TANK CORPS.

To be tempy. Capt.—Lieut. (actg. Capt.) J. P. Thompson (5th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F.).

LABOUR BATTALIONS.

Lab. Corps.—Capt. W. H. D. Livingstone (3rd Batt. North. Fusrs., Spec. Res.) ceases to be emplyd. with the Corps (dated 15th Feby.).

GARRISON BATTALIONS.

Northumberland Fusiliers.

3rd Home Ser. Garr. Batt.—Cadet F. B. Warren to be tempy. 2nd-Lieut. (dated 1st Feby., 1918) (substituted for *Gazette* notification 5th Feby., 1918, incorrectly describing name as B. Warren); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. F. B. Warren relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 26th April), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

1st Garr. Batt.—Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. Shields, from 1st Res. Garr. Batt., Yorks L.I., to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 16th March).

3rd Home Ser. Garr. Batt.—Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—H. E. Brown, O. Chambers (dated 17th Dec., 1918).

FOREIGN DECORATIONS.

War Office,
5th April,

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ORDRE DE LEOPOLD (AVEC PALME).

CHEVALIER.

2nd-Lieut. R. Brown, North. Fusrs. (Spec. Res.).

CROIX DE GUERRE.

2nd-Lieut. R. Brown, North. Fusrs. (Spec. Res.).

HONOURS.

War Office,
2nd April.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Tempy. Capt. N. Y. Wilson, M.C., 11th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Italy).
Lieut. E. Wrighton, 4th Batt. North. Fusrs (T.F.). attd. 10th Batt. (Italy).
Tempy. Capt. (actg. Maj.) A. W. Muir, M.C., 2nd Batt. North. Fusrs.

BAR TO MILITARY CROSS.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. Cornes, M.C., North. Fusrs., attd. 15th Batt. Durh. L.I., attd. 64th T.M. Battery (M.C. gazetted 2nd Dec., 1918).
Lieut. (tempy. Capt.) M. R. Steel, D.S.O., M.C., North. Fusrs., Spec. Res., attd. 8th Batt. (M.C. gazetted 17th Dec., 1917).

MILITARY CROSS.

Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) W. A. R. Dabell, 8th Batt. North. Fusrs.
Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) S. V. Bradford, 8th Batt. North. Fusrs., attd. 1st Batt.
Tempy. Capt. A. E. B. Plummer, 8th Batt. North. Fusrs.
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. G. T. Worthington, 8th Batt., North. Fusrs., attd. 2nd Batt.
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. Allison, North. Fusrs., attd. X/32nd T.M. Battery.
Tempy. Capt. G. H. Blackett, 11th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Italy).
Tempy. Lieut. W. Swindell, 10th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Italy).
2nd-Lieut. J. S. Spiers, North. Fusrs., Spec. Res., attd. 11th Batt. (Italy).

AMENDMENTS.

MILITARY CROSS AWARD.

Gazette, 8th March.—For 2nd-Lieut. Frederick Charles Melvin, R.F.A., attd. 9th Batt. North. Fusrs., read tempy. Lieut. Frederick Christie Melvin, 20th Batt., attd. 9th Batt. North. Fusrs.

BAR TO DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

War Office,
17th April.

No. 20/614 C.S.M. J. E. Philipson, D.C.M., 8th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Ryton-on-Tyne).

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

War Office,
17th April.

No. 46775 Sgt. S. Skellern, 11th (Ser.) Batt. North. Fusrs. (Smallthorne) (Italy).
No. 37143 Cpl. I. Graham, M.M., 11th (Ser.) Batt. North. Fusrs. (Haltwhistle) (Italy).
No. 340700 Cpl. H. Taylor, 11th (Ser.) Batt. North. Fusrs. (Oldham) (Italy).
No. 7260 Sgt. L. E. Briattain, 11th (Ser.) Batt. North. Fusrs. (Witley Bay) (Italy).

Our Roll of Honour.

Capt. D. T. Turner.

Capt. D. T. Turner, whose death has now been presumed to have taken place on the 30th May, 1918, on which date he was reported wounded and missing, was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Turner, of Haydon Lodge, Haydon Bridge, Northumberland. Capt. Turner joined the 4th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers at the outbreak of war, and went out to France with his Battalion in April, 1915. He took part in the fighting in which the 4th was at once engaged, and was wounded at St. Julien, within a few days of his arrival at the Front. He was again wounded at Neuve Eglise in 1916. For his gallant work at St. Julien he was mentioned in despatches by Sir John French. He fell at the same time that the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, Col. B. D. Gibson, D.S.O., was killed. He was popular alike with Officers and men, and his memory will be cherished by all who knew him, for he had a strong attachment to the local Battalion. Before joining the 4th he had intended taking up farming as a career. To his parents general sympathy will be extended.

Capt. Neville Marriott North.

Capt. Neville Marriott North was the only son of Harry North, of South Africa. He was educated at Bedford Modern and Leeds University. He was gazetted to the 5th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers

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in September, 1912. He mobolised with the 5th Battalion in August, 1914, and proceeded to France with them in April, 1915. He was wounded in May, 1915, but did not remain in England. He was again

CAPT. N. M. NORTH.

wounded in July, 1915, and was invalided home. He returned to France again on the 16th November, 1915. He was awarded the M.C. for gallantry and devotion to duty in July, 1915. In September, 1916, he was wounded for the third time, and was once more invalided to England. He again went to France on the 20th April, 1918, he was reported wounded and missing on the 27th May, 1918, and is now assumed dead by the War Office.

His loss is much deplored by all ranks. Capt. North was 27 years of age.

2ND-LIEUT. W. L. NIMMO.

2nd-Lieut. William Leslie Nimmo, whose death has now been presumed to have taken place on the 26th July, 1918, on which date he was reported as wounded and missing, was the only son of W. J. Nimmo, Esq., of Castle Eden, Co. Durham. He was educated at Aysgarth, Uppingham and Sandhurst. He passed out of Sandhurst at Easter, 1918, and went to France to join the 1st Batt. with which he had served but a few weeks before he was killed at the age of 19 years. He was a fine athlete and sportsman, having represented all his three schools both at cricket and football. His connection with the Regiment was lamentably short but was long enough to show that he was of the type that makes a true 5th Fusilier. To his father we extend our deepest sympathy in his

LIEUT. NIMMO.

sorrow. If this notice should meet the eye of any returned prisoner who can give any information about 2nd-Lieut. Nimmo's death will he please communicate with W. J. Nimmo, Esq., Castle Eden, Co. Durham?

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

FRANCE,
30th April, 1919.

On the 11th March, 1919, Z Company's football team stayed for the final of the Divisional Soccer Competition, beating A Section of the D.A.C. and winning the Silver Bugle presented by Earl Grey.

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We closed up our billets and went on demobilizing the remainder.

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Our band played daily at Brigade guard mounting otherwise we have nothing to do, being down to Cadre strength by the middle of the month. Most of the Battalions in the Division having received orders to be ready to move, we got orders on the 1st April after mid-day to move on the 3rd.

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We entrained on the 3rd at 09.00 hours, composed of the following:—

Lieut.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O. Capt. J. Smith
Lieut. H. M. Greener, M.C. 2nd-Lieut. D. Firth
Lieut. and Qrmr. E. L. Short
No. 6162 R.S.M. G. Pullan, D.C.M.
„ A/1025 Actg.-S.-Sgt. W. Benham
„ 9994 Actg. C.S.M. J. O'Hara
„ 7082 A/R.Q.M.S. C. Adlard, M.M.
„ 2224 C.S.M. R. Avery No. 1168 C.Q.M.S. W. Knapp
„ 2768 Sgt. E. Gosman „ 6952 Bd.-Sgt. A. Stafford
„ 365612 Sgt. T. L. Balmer „ 22/310 Sgt. F. Reed
„ 2099 C.S.M. O. Capstaff „ 2372 Sgt. J. Carruthers

also 80 other ranks, including 33 Band and 1 donkey.

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Maj.-Gen. Deverell, Brig.-Gen. H. C. Potter, Majs. Chipper and Arkwright, Capt. G. H. Allgood, Col. Gill of the Division, and Capt. Beacock, of the 4th Royal Fusiliers, coming to see us off. The 2nd Suffolks sent their Band to play us out.

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Reaching Charleroi at 02.00 hours on the 4th, we had our second stop for a meal and an hour later detrained at Charleroi Station where six lorries were waiting for us. After a half hearted resistance from the donkey we were all enlorried by 05.00 hours.

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Our route, via Maubeuge and Bavai, brought us to Wargnies-le-Grand about 10.00 hours, after experiencing the frightfulness of being gassed by petrol fumes. We met the 2nd Battalion who soon put us in billets. Wargnies houses are not quite what we have been used to but we don't mind that as the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes respectively have amalgamated and we are talking over past history with people we have not seen for a long time. A Soccer match between the two Battalions resulted in a tie—2 goals each, while we were lucky and won a hockey match by 5 to 3. Our Band beat the 2nd Battalion Band at Soccer by 3 goals to 2 goals.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

WARGNIES LE GRAND,
14th April, 1919.

It was fully anticipated that last month's "Notes" would have been our final from this country, but to-day still finds us waiting for that mystic and crisp order "Home."

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There has been so little doing since our last notes, it is with no little difficulty, after the many "Goodbyes" we have made to those dear and gallant fellows with whom we have shared so many comforts, discomforts, hardships and trials, the heat and burden of the day, to keep our lonely selves from deadly dullness.

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There have been little excursions into Valenciennes, while others amuse themselves with golf over an improvised course. Then there have been contests in hockey, football, etc., to while away the time.

On the 19th March, Capt. Trenam, M.C., paid us another visit, staying the night with us.

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The weather, always a useful subject to hitch on, has not been pleasant during the past month. We have had many dull, cold, grey days and touches of wintry weather with two or three very fine spring days thrown in.

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The 4th of April must certainly be written up as a "Red" letter day in the history of the Regiment. The Cadre of the 1st Battalion, under the command of Lieut.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., arrived in our "Commune," being conveyed hither in half-a-dozen lorries from Charleroi, where they had detrained early that morning, *en route* from Cologne. They have relieved us of all our War Stores, setting us free to proceed home when it is the "will" of those sitting at G.H.Q.

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Both are using the same Chateau as a Mess.

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Certainly such an event has not previously occurred in the history of the Regiment. There was a brief re-union of the 1st and 2nd Battalions at Gibraltar, in December, 1896, when this Battalion returned from Foreign Service, and again a different meeting early in 1915, during the second battle of Ypres. On this occasion the 1st Battalion came in support to the 2nd Battalion in action, but the present occasion is different, the one is in relief of the other and are at present quartered together. Anyhow mark it up, Mr. Editor.

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On the 10th, Lieut.-Col. A. C. Hardman Jones joined Division Headquarters to assume Command of the Division during the absence of the General Officer Commanding on leave, while Lieut.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., assumed command of both the 1st and 2nd Battalions. If anyone had told the writer five years ago that the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion would command the 2nd Battalion at one and the same time, he would have been told "not possible, can't be done." Well the "not possible" is possible after all, and the honour lies with Col. Cruddas.

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As there seems little likelihood of our moving this side of St. George's Day we are venturing the fact of our spending it in France and provision is being made for the men enjoying themselves at any rate, that day, in unison with their comrades of the 1st Battalion.

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On Palm Sunday it was a very pleasing sight to see the women of the village attending all the graves of British soldiers in and around the place. They carried spades and baskets of flowers, and each grave was tenderly cared for, being trimmed and flowers placed thereon.

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Sgt.-Maj. Maynard left us on the 11th on being commissioned as Quartermaster, we understand to the 3rd Battalion. In bidding him good-bye we feel we have lost a valuable bulwark in the Battalion, as his heart and soul was in it. He carries with him our best wishes and good luck in his new sphere of labour.

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2ND BATTALION (NUCLEUS) NOTES.

CATTERICK CAMP,
20th April, 1919.

In spite of all remonstrances and desires, we have moved again! We left Bordon on the 9th of April, arriving at Catterick, Yorks, at 07.00 hrs. on the morning of the 10th April, travelling via London.

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The nucleus of the 2nd D.L.I. still journey with us and a perfect system of co-operation has been established between the two Units, both in work and play. This is specially noticeable amongst the Officers of the two Units, as a certain D.A.P.M. could bear witness after a certain small affair at a theatre the other night, in which the repartee was brilliant, if rather one-sided.

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We have now started to get yet another camp into a state of order and cleanliness—no doubt when we have made the place more or less habitable we shall be moved on somewhere else; a rather expensive system of camp cleaning!

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We are certainly getting expert scrubbers and furniture removers (the 30 tons of heavy baggage still hangs over our heads, although we *did* manage to get it away beforehand this time).

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We are not overjoyed with our move, as we have left a very comfortable furnished camp, amidst lovely country, for an unfurnished one on a bleak hillside, with a continuous gale blowing and plenty of rain.

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Vegetable gardening appears to be the thing to do here, so we shall have to indent for spades, rakes, seeds and the other weapons necessary for this peaceful pursuit. We are hoping for an early arrival of our Cadre, as, in spite of the benefits of agriculture, furniture moving, etc., etc., we long for a little soldiering.

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We have regretfully said *Au revoir* to Capt. B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C., who has been seconded for service with the Somaliland Camel Corps; we all wish him the best of luck, and only hope he is as successful with camels as he is with other of the living species that we wot of!

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The only outside attractions here at present are the Officers' Club and the Garrison Theatre. The former supplies tea and music daily and "The Dansants" twice a week—so far partners have been lacking for the dances, but we have hopes for the future.

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These notes must now close as there are many windows and floors to clean, and much seed to sow. One thing we are determined on, that is, that we *will* be soldiers on St. George's Day, so let the Barrack Officers, the Agricultural Officers, the Messing Officers and D.A.P.M.'s beware—we only hope the Cadre arrives before this day in order to reinforce our slender force, but anyhow, we shall celebrate the Great Day in the good old fashion.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

No. 13 CAMP,
DURRINGTON,
SALISBURY PLAIN.
25th April, 1919.

The Sergeants gave their first dance in the new station on the 3rd April, and owing to the exertions of C.Q.M.S. Darcy and an indefatigable Committee the evening was an immense success. On the following Tuesday, 8th April, the Corporals had their turn and held a well arranged and enjoyable whist drive and concert. The Commanding Officer presented the prizes, and all who were present had a very cheery evening.

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Brig.-Gen. Cator having left us for "Somewhere-in-Germany," his place has been taken by Brig.-Gen. R. J. Bridgford, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who made his first inspection of the Battalion on the 8th April and expressed himself as satisfied with all he saw. On Friday, 11th April, the Battalion was again inspected, this time by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Henry Slater, G.-in-C. the Southern Command. Once again the ordeal was passed successfully, though by its frequency it is losing some of the terrors which it was formerly reputed to possess.

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The Brigade played, and was beaten by, an Anzac Rugby XV. on the 9th April, after an excellent game. Eight of the Brigade XV. were Fusiliers and showed-up so well that the "Diggers" proposed a match against the Battalion for the following Saturday, 12th April, when fortune again frowned on the Fusiliers, who nevertheless, enjoyed a good game against a first-class sporting side.

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Maj. Kerr came down on a flying visit for demobilisation on the 10th April, and had a last look at his old Company on parade, and many officers who were with us at Boldon have arrived and departed after short sojourns for a similar purpose, including Maj. Edlmann, D.S.O. Maj. White has left us for the Rhine and Maj. E. Thompson is with us for a short period for a rest after his arduous duties at the Dispersal Centre, at Cannock Chase.

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ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

The first St. George's Day since the close of hostilities was favoured with fine weather up to noon-day. In the morning the Battalion paraded with the Colours and marched to Church for the special service, and the turn-out occasioned many congratulatory comments among all ranks of the Brigade. Both before and after the parade the Colours, in charge of a smart escort, were mounted on the guardroom green. The C.O. went round dinners and the time-honoured formalities were observed. After dinner the Regimental Sports were held. Unfortunately by then the sky had become overcast and the wind chilly, but no rain fell and the large concourse of spectators enjoyed excellent sport.

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Mrs. C. P. Hawkes and a large number of ladies attended and Q.M.A.A.C. was largely represented. The

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Band played a selection of music throughout the afternoon. The results of the events were as follows:—

440 Yards.—1st, Pte. Fleming, No. 2 Coy.; 2nd, Sgt. Newton, No. 4 Coy.; 3rd, Pte. Highmere, No. 1 Coy.

100 Yards.—1st, Pte. Fleming, No. 2 Coy.; 2nd, C.Q.M.S. Cole, No. 4 Coy.; 3rd, Pte. Dickenson, No. 4 Coy.

Inter-Coy. Relay Race.—1st prize, No. 4 Coy. team; 2nd prize, Sergeants' Team.

High Jump.—1st, Pte. Hasker, No. 4 Coy.; 2nd, Sgt. Stamper, No. 4 Coy.; 3rd, Pte. Dombey, No. 4 Coy.

Long Jump.—1st, Pte. Hasker; 2nd, Sgt. Stamper; 3rd, Pte. Harris, No. 4 Coy.

Officers 220 Yards.—1st, 2nd-Lieut. Barr; 2nd, Capt. Fawcett.

Consolation Race.—1st, Pte. Arkless, No. 4 Coy.; 2nd, Pte. Hasker, No. 4 Coy.; 3rd, Pte. Ballantyne, No. 4 Coy.

Winner of Challenge Cup for Company obtaining highest aggregate number of points, No. 4 Coy., 36 points.

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Brig.-Gen. Price, commanding No. 5 Area, presented the prizes.

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The Sergeants' ball was a huge success. The Band, under Band-Sgt. Rood, played excellently and the floor was perfect. The Colours stood at one end of the room and the two sentries (at a time) evoked much praise *by their steadiness* and immobility throughout the evening.

3RD BATTALION, "THE COLOURS," ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1919.

Four-legged Race.—1st, Ptes. Chipchase, Cox and Harris, No. 3 Coy.; 2nd, Ptes. Hasker, Arkless and Ballantyne, No. 4 Coy.

W.O.'s and Sergeants 220 Yards.—1st, C.Q.M.S. Cole; 2nd, Sgt. Newton; 3rd, R.Q.M.S. Woods.

Tug-of-War.—Winning Team, No. 1 Coy.

Tug-of-War, Officers v. W.O.'s and Sergeants.—Winning Team, W.O.'s and Sergeants' Team.

Hurdle Race.—1st, Pte. Harris, No. 3 Coy.; 2nd, Pte. Hasker, No. 4 Coy.; 3rd, Pte. Harrison, No. 1 Coy.

Boys' 100 Yards.—1st, Boy Bullock; 2nd, Boy Horlington; 3rd, Boy Hawked.

Q.M.A.A.C., 100 Yards.—1st, Miss May; 2nd, Miss Richards; 3rd, Miss Haynes.

Visitors 220 Yards.—1st, Capt. Hall, R.F.A.; 2nd, Cpl. McWilliam, York and Lancs. Regt.

Several Old Fusiliers turned up, including Sgt.-Maj. Newton, full of reminiscences of the old Alnwick days, and Sgt. Redman. Among the past and present Officers of the Regiment who attended were Col. Frend, Lieut.-Col. C. Wood, Maj. Hervey-Bathurst, Capt. Tims, Capt. V. C. Hardy and Lieut. D. C. F. Burton, whom we all hope to see shortly re-entering first class cricket for Yorkshire. Telegrams were received from Col. Ainslie, Lieut.-Col. Rickman, Col. Roundell and Miss N. Roundell, Lieut.-Col. C. M. A. Wood, Majs. Thornton, Ovans and St. John; Capts. M. Mort, Mahon, Baxter, Sutherland and Corbet-Singleton; Lieut. G. M. Lamb, Maj. Auld and the Depôt, Maj. Booth and the Details 2nd Battalion, and from the members of the 16th Battalion Old Comrades League.

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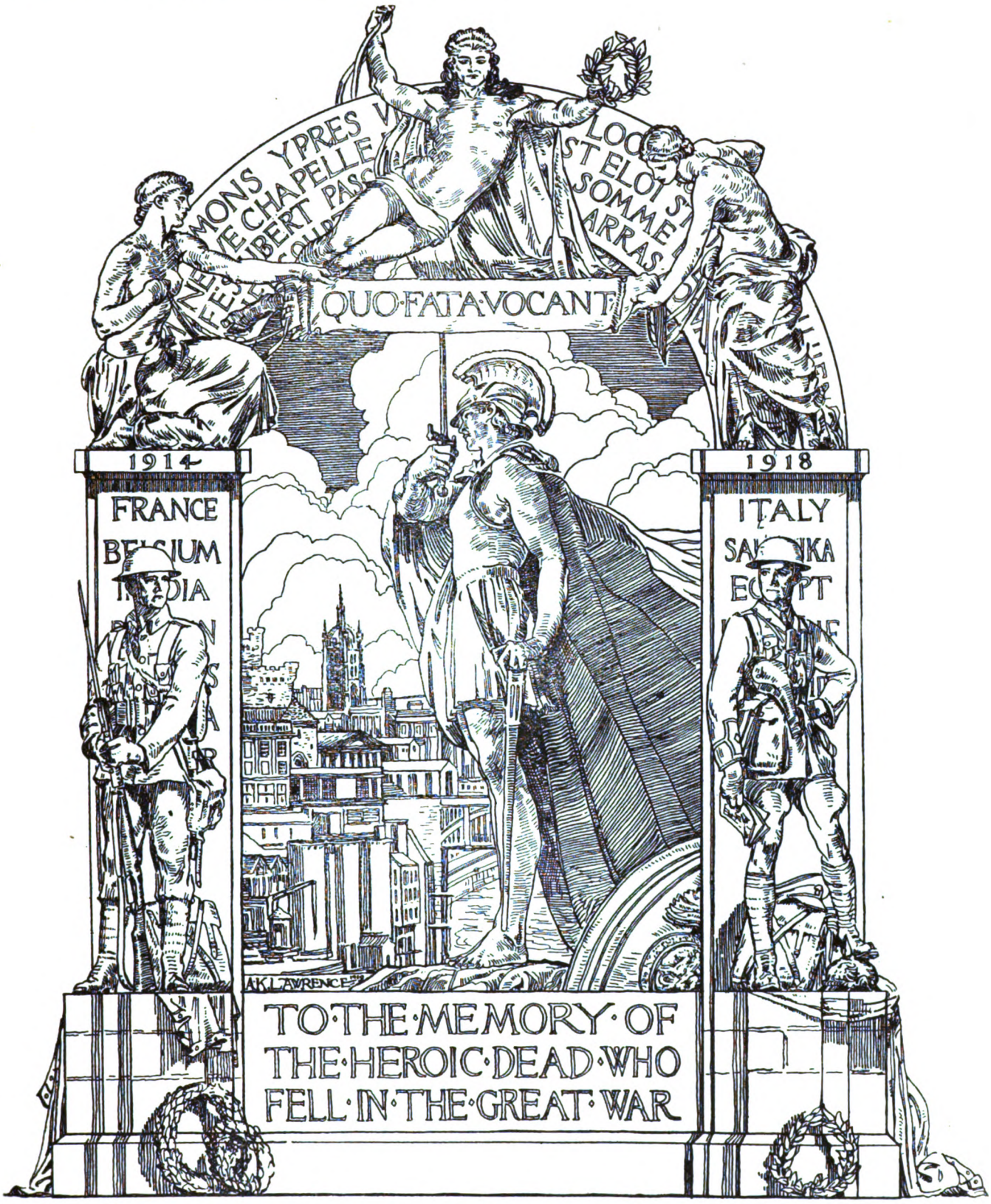

St. George's Day.—Ypres, 1915.

To fill the gap, to bear the brunt
With bayonet and with spade,
Four hundred to a four-mile front
Unbacked and undismayed—
What men are these, of what great race,
From what old shire or town,
That run with such goodwill to face
Death on a Flemish down?

Let be! they bind a broken line:
As men die, so die they.
Land of the free! their life was thine,
It is St. George's Day.

Let say whose ardour bids them stand
At bay by yonder bank,
Where a boy's voice and a boy's hand
Close up a quivering rank.
Who under those all-shattering skies
Plays out his Captain's part
With the last darkness in his eyes
And *Domum* in his heart?

Let be, let be! in yonder line
All names are burned away,
Land of his love! the fame be thine,
It is St. George's Day.

By Henry Newbolt.

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The Battalion Concert Party gave their first performance in "St. George's Theatre" on Thursday, 24th April, and held an appreciative audience delighted for some two and a half hours. The show was excellent, and we hope is the first of a long series of triumphs.

C.P.H.

DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
24th April, 1919.

It is a considerable time since any Depôt Notes appeared in the *St. George's Gazette*. Some say that the reason is that we have had so much work that no one has had time to write them, and others that it is owing to the absence of anyone possessed of the necessary literary ability. We are, however, going to try to send our notes regularly in future.

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The following is a list of Officers at present serving at the Depôt:—

Commanding: Maj. R. Auld	Capt. H. C. Kirsopp
Maj. and Qrmr. R. P. Norman	Lieut. E. M. Watts
Capt. M. Blackett-Ord	„ C. J. Girdlestone
„ T. M. Scanlan	

During the month Capt. J. R. Blackett-Ord and Capt. G. P. Curry left for demobilisation.

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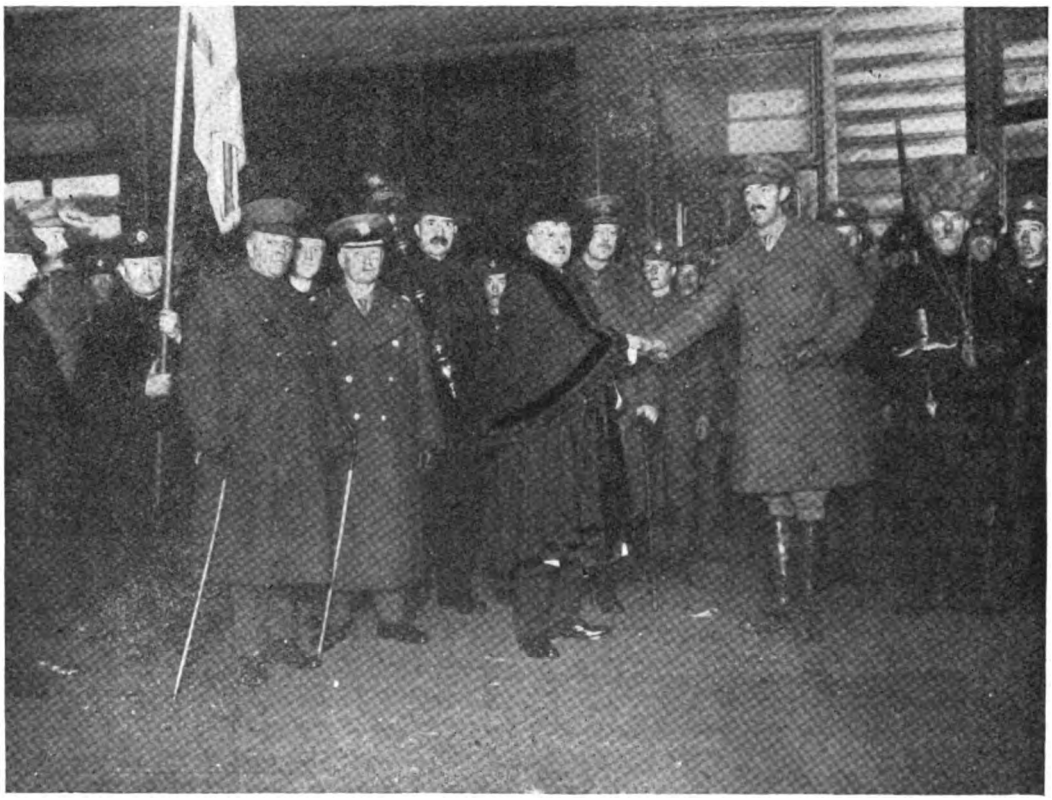
The Cadres of the 10th and 11th Battalions have arrived during the month. The 10th Battalion arrived at 12.15 a.m. on the 4th instant, and was welcomed at the station by the Lord Mayor, Maj.-Gen. Montgomery, and others. They were also honoured with a two-column account of their home-coming and work in France and Italy in the *Daily Mail*. The following is an account taken from the *Newcastle Daily Journal*:—

"There were animated scenes at the Newcastle Central Station early this morning, when a contingent of the 10th and 11th Batts. Northumberland Fusiliers arrived home after war service in Italy and France.



ARRIVAL OF CADRES OF 10TH AND 11TH BATTALIONS AT NEWCASTLE.

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The contingent was received by the Lord Mayor of the City in state, Councillor A. Munro Sutherland, being accompanied by ex-Lord Mayors Sir Johnstone Wallace and Alderman John Fitzgerald, who had held office during the war.

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The Band of the Northumberland Veterans' Association was in attendance on the platform, and, pending the arrival of the train, which did not reach the Central

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until 12.15—or three-quarters of an hour late—played several spirited selections on the pipes.

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In addition to those mentioned there were also present Maj.-Gen. Sir Kerr Montgomery, Maj. Auld, commanding the Northumberland Depôt; Councillor Vincent, Chairman of the Veterans' Association; Col. Procter Atkin, Capts. F. J. Lambert, D.L.I.; Capts. W. R. Stowell, Corder Deuchar, Tyneside Scottish; Capt. Rodgers, R.G.A.; Capts. Keith, Lloyd; Chief Superintendent Rogers, N.E.R. Police; Superintendent Tedlie, Newcastle City Police; Mr. W. Thompson, Stationmaster; Mr. Austin Devereaux, Mr. R. R. Wedderburn, Lord Mayor's Secretary, and others.

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There was a large crowd in the station, in the station portico, and in the streets adjacent to the station which the men had to traverse to the hostel. There was much cheering en route.

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The men on arrival were accorded a very enthusiastic welcome. Having formed into line they marched along the main platform and halted in front of the civic party, where the Lord Mayor was introduced to and heartily shook hands with the Commanding Officer, Maj. P. L. Lincoln. The men all looked bronzed and very fit, and marched with a bouyancy and gaiety which obviously betrayed their delight not only at their reception, but at once again finding themselves in the home country.

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The party consisted of 8 Officers and about 90 of other ranks. After the formal reception the party proceeded to the Naval Hostel, Westgate Road, where a hot supper was served. Suitable arrangements were made for the accommodation of the officers and other ranks until the morning, when they were to proceed to the Barracks.

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Each man was presented by the Lord Mayor, on behalf of the city, with a packet of 20 cigarettes and a greeting addressed to him in the following terms:—

"The Lord Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Mr. A. Munro Sutherland, J.P.), the Sheriff (Councillor J. G. Cole), and ex-Lord Mayors who have held office during the war, are assembled here to extend to you, on behalf of their fellow-citizens, most cordial greetings on your return to Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and desire to assure you that the great part which you have taken in upholding your country's cause during the great world struggle for Freedom is deeply appreciated by a grateful community, which will ever be mindful of the sacrifice which you have made, and the hardships which you have endured in the interests of civilisation."

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St. George's Day.

On St. George's Day the ceremony of putting wreaths on the War Memorial was attended by a large number of Fusiliers, many of whom had been demobilised. The parade formed up on three sides of the Memorial, the Depôt Companies being on the north side. All those who had been discharged or demobilised fell in according to their former Battalions, and Allan's School Cadet Unit was also present.

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The Lord Mayor, the Sheriff and the Town Clerk in their robes of office arrived shortly before eleven o'clock, and a few minutes later the Duke of Northumberland and Maj.-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, C.B., K.C.M.G., arrived and inspected the parade.

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After an inspiring address by Maj.-Gen. Wilkinson the wreaths were deposited on the Memorial, the Last Post being sounded by the Cadet Buglers.

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C.S.M. F. T. Watson, 13th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, was then presented with the Military Medal, and the members of the Cadet Unit with Lucas Tooth medals.

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The parade afterwards marched to the Cathedral, where a short service was held, and wreaths laid beneath the Colours. The service was opened with the singing of the Fifth Fusilier hymn, "St. George of Old the Dragon Slew."

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During the day congratulatory telegrams were received from:—H.M.S. *Vindictive*, 3rd Battalion, 7th Battalion, the Details 2nd Battalion, Gen. Pilcher, Gen. Lambton, Gen. Yatman, Col. Sturges, Col. Herbert, Col. Gordon, Col. Roundell, Col. and Mrs. Turner, Col. Wood, Maj. Lamb, Maj. Buchanan, Maj. and Mrs. St. John, Capt. Freeman, Capt. Baxter, Capt. Sutherland, Capt. Corbet, Capt. Singleton and Sgt. Williamson.

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A telegram addressed to "1st Battalion, c/o Depôt," was received from Mrs. Richard Gatehouse. "Best congratulations and all honour."

9th (NORTHD. HUSSAR) BATTALION NOTES.

Martin Eglise Camp,
Near Dieppe,
24th April, 1919.

A Battalion dinner was held on the 25th March; it passed off very successfully. This was due chiefly to the energy of Maj. J. R. Wharton and the E.F.C. Staff. Amongst the numerous guests was our Brigadier, accompanied by his staff. After dinner an impromptu concert was held, which was also quite a success.

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Demobilisation certainly robs us of some of our best officers. Maj. J. R. Wharton who, though not a Fusilier when he joined us some months ago, whilst we were trekking down the line, soon became one of the best we had. A

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soldier and a thorough sportsman, he put heart and soul into the Battalion, beloved by all ranks. Jolly good luck to him now that he has donned mufti again, and may we meet him some time in the near future.

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Another link with the old Battalion has been severed by the departure of the following W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s:—

R.S.M. Hyde	Sgt. McIntyre
C.Q.M.S. Coates	„ Topping
„ Crapper	„ Stevenson
„ Beattie	

Again the best of luck.

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The Jazz Band is a great success; has been invited to play at one of the local dances. But as it is rather difficult to obtain transport they have not yet been able to turn up and play. It might be mentioned that amongst the numerous instruments of the Band there is a Canadian stove, and that it would also be necessary to take down our own piano, for there is not one in the district like it. Conductor Waring and his able orchestra practice daily; they intend giving a dance, but when or where still remains a secret. (Perhaps the *Grand et Juke*?)

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Alas! Have to report the loss through demobbing of the only Chinese speaking Officer in the shape of Lieut. E. G. Bates, one of the oldest Officers of the Battalion. At one time G.S.O., when last heard of was doing squad drill on the square, but it's a way we have in the Army. But here's to you, Bates, another mule kick, and we are with you in spirit.

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The arrangements for St. George's Day are proceeding apace. The "Goose" is in his element, when buying bunting, etc., but more anon.

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The mess cart still wends its daily way into Dieppe, thrice weekly it's nightly. We know who does the daily trips, but so far have been unable to find out who takes it in at night, though we have our suspicions. 'Tis said that four of 'em were very nearly drowned a few nights ago.

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The strength of the Battalion at present is about double of what it should be. But, much to the disgust of the C.O. and his staff, can only muster about 120 on parade in the mornings. Congratulations to R.Q.M.S. Travail, who now becomes R.S.M. The Band! Our Band!! Wonderful!!! Quite definitely known now, that no more troops are to be demobilised through this camp, but Dame Rumour has it that we are going to the Near East to quell the riots there. (Wind vertical!)

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The B Coy. football team seems well on the way to winning the local Inter-Coy. League. Recently they beat the G.H.Q.M.T. 2—1, which is about the stiffest match they have had. The other Companies, unfortunately, are not in it. Hockey carries on, but they are rather a secretive lot. Rugger is still in the wind.

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2nd-Lieut. Halliday, D.C.M., has been lecturing the newcomers on the history of the Fifth Fusiliers. No doubt members of the 2nd Battalion all know him.

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Overheard in Dieppe: "Your Adjutant is absolutely the most conscientious Officer in your Battalion."—Silence.

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10/11th BATTALION NOTES.

Prees Heath Camp,
Whitchurch, Salop,
4th April, 1919.

The following letter has been received:—

Dear Sir,

I venture to ask you to be kind enough to give to the 10th and 11th Batts. Northumberland Fusiliers, and to the 12th Batt. Durham Light Infantry, my very warm congratulations on their return home after three and a half years of warfare.

These three Battalions, with the 13th Batt. Durham Light Infantry, composed the 68th Infantry Brigade, which I had the honour of commanding when it went to France, from Bramshott, in August, 1915.

I fear that many who went across the Channel then will never return, but they and their comrades who still live laid the foundation of the great and glorious reputation which the 68th Infantry Brigade have earned, not only for fighting with unrivalled courage, stubbornness and self-sacrifice, but for unfailing cheeriness and good conduct behind the line.

They taught me to love the North-countryman, and to realise what true and honest hearts, free from selfishness and cruelty, they brought to help to fight for their King and Country against the most formidable enemy that has dared to attack us.

No doubt there are comparatively few who will recollect me, but I owe so much to the Brigade that I must send them a line to welcome them; while to those who served with me I cannot add more than say "Thank Heaven for bringing you home safely."

I feel I am asking a lot of you. I would have come myself, but duty keeps me here. Let my affection for the gallant Northumbrians be my excuse.

Yours sincerely,

E. P. Serocold (Brig.-General).

The Officer Commanding,
Depôt, Northumberland Fusiliers and
Durham Light Infantry.

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19TH (PIONEER) BATTALION NOTES.

FRANCE,
April, 1919.

It is good to read in the *Gazette* that other Battalions are in cheerful spots. One is in Cologne, another in Dieppe, while we, the Cadre, remain in the same old, tiny, sequestered hamlet, Hellebrouch. For five months we have been here; but the silver lining has peeped out from behind our own particular black cloud. Really ere these notes appear in print we shall be demobilised. "That is, providing," as Mr. Harry Tate shouted into the Decca. The date may be changed again, the railways may cease from working, and the steamers be at rest. In the mean-

"IF WE HAD SOME PLAYERS,
WE COULD HAVE SOME GAMES,
IF WE HAD A FIELD."

while, we watch the buds bursting and listen to the music of the frogs. The optimists take out a rod and try to induce "George," "Alexandra" and other family pets in the family moat, to bite. These fish, however, have resisted for years the blandishments of countless successions of officers. Which reminds me. What fortunate Divisions came here for rest? They were the mythical people we heard of, but never could emulate. As a relief from the front area this charming solitude would have been priceless; as a resting place for an unemployed Cadre it has its strict limitations. Let us vegetate.

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If we had some players we could have some games, if we had a field.

Some day, some high-brow will write a treatise on "Wind-up, its causes, symptoms and cure." The follow-

MAJ. B. E. SHARP.

ing notes are penned to assist in the compilation of such a valuable document. It was a species due to non-demobilisation, and the consequent fear that officers and men, or some thereof, would be retained for years and years and years. The symptoms varied from those of the

LIEUT. J. J. WILLIS.

usual windiness. Sufferers would not parade sick, instead of avoiding the Orderly Room they haunted it, their hands

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were steady, for they easily wrote many, many letters; and their brains evolved stirring tales of how they were in-

LIEUT. E. O. PRETHEROE, M.C.

dispensable, and how they must get home before grouse-shooting began. Some found a great attraction in and on the waters of the Canal, others evinced a tendency to dispose, gratuitously, of their ornate mural decorations; Kirschner had, apparently, no further excitements to offer. Tricks of sleight of hand were practised; and, from the thick, farm-yard scented air showered sheaves of "Guaranteed Letters" or their equivalents. It was observed (scientists always observe! like other folk), how-

CAPT. POCOCK, M.C. (POSTED TO NO. 226 P.O.W. COY.).

ever, that not one sufferer could produce an A.F.Z. 32 (Pivotal Slip). A few played ping-pong, and some did a solo Jazz. The cure was rapid and sure—they are all at home now, completely restored.

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The following proceeded to England for demobilisation during the last month:—Maj. B. E. Sharp, Lieuts. Grimley, Dennett, Guthrie, Airley, J. I. Willis, Pretheroe, M.C., and 2nd-Lieuts. Fairbairn, Andrews, Thompson and Burford. We wish them all every success in their future careers. Of those that remain, Capt. Pocock, M.C., has been posted to 226 P.O.W. Company, and 2nd-Lieut. Hetherington is attached to D.A.D.O.S. 35th Division. That they may be happy and successful is the earnest wish of the "Big Four" who are on the Cadre:—Lieut.-Col. C. Hancock, D.S.O., Capt. and Adjt. C. H. Cooke, M.C., Lieut. and Qrmr. J. F. McNeice, and Lieut. C. G. Brawn, who have hopes, as outlined above, of taking to England

CAPT AND ADJT. C. H. COOKE, M.C.

the 43 men who still gallantly stand by them in their isolation.

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We must chronicle the dance at Audruicq with the W.A.A.C.'s. The men enjoyed it immensely, but, since then, the lorry has not been available for the same purpose. "Q" has been adamant, etc., etc.

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We regret having to part with the M.O., Capt. C. E. Wilson, M.C., who, after two and a half years' service with the Battalion, has gone to a hospital in the Poperinghe area. It would be possible to wax sentimental over these partings; they *are* hard. The Doc. has won the highest esteem of all ranks by his care and his personality; he was

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a prime favourite, and his Canadian wit, at its best on the festive occasions for which he reserved himself, was

CAPT. C. E. WILSON, M.C.

always appreciated. May he soon get his heart's desire and return to his Toronto practice. What a favourite he will be with the ladies! A bright future is predicted for him; he would have been a success in the Diplomatic Service.

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For over three years the notes of this Battalion have appeared regularly in the *Gazette*. The present notes will probably be the last of the Battalion series. Censored by the C.O., then by Army H.Q., then by the Press Bureau, they did not always manage to convey the exact meaning intended by "Pioneer." But, often written in strange places, they were able to get through somehow. I shiver when I think of one badly mutilated set, which, above all others, must have sent any reader with a literary conscience looking for the Editor with a hatchet. It was not his fault, however, that whole sentences were wiped out in the paragraphs. The game of patience with Higher Authorities amused the writer; and the slim series of notes that appeared regularly, month by month, together with the various articles under umpteen other noms-de-plume can prove—what they will! I wish to thank Lieut. A. K. Lawrence for his clever illustrating of the notes. He, and the two Editors under whose kindly guidance we both worked, were models of genial forbearance towards the errant scribe "Pioneer."

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A re-union of the men who had served in the 19th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers (3rd Commercials) was held at the Health Food Restaurant, Newcastle, on Saturday, 5th April, to inaugurate a Comrades' League for the Battalion. Col. F. W. Daniell, D.S.O., presided.

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It was decided to form a Battalion Comrades' League, the primary object of which will be to maintain comrade-

"THE DEATH OF THE CENSOR" (WE HOPE HE HAD A STICKY END LIKE THIS).

ship among all ranks who have served in the Battalion. Rules were adopted, the annual subscription being fixed at 2/-.

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The following officers were elected:—Col. F. W. Daniells, D.S.O., president; Capt. A. Stabell, M.C., hon. treasurer; Mr. T. M. McBryde, Exchange Buildings, Newcastle, secretary; Committee: C.Q.M.S. R. J. Kirsop, Cpl. R. W. Birtle, R.Q.M.S. F. Walker, Sgt. Miller, Cpl. C. W. Payne, Lieut. L. E. Marr, Capt. H. R. Watson, Lce.-Cpl. G. C. Daley, Sgt. A. Smith.

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Subsequently a supper was held, the chair being occupied by the newly-elected President, Col. F. W. Daniell. On the table were three silver cups and a bugle won by the Battalion in competitions. Two of the cups were for Lewis gun work, and the bugle was for transport work. These trophies were handed over by Col. Daniell to the custody

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of the Military Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, on whose behalf Maj. Temperley received them.

C.H.C.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,

We have received and read with much interest a little book entitled "Saint George the Martyr," by Mr. G. F. Raggett, R.N. It is an essay on the history and antecedents of St. George, and the writer has taken great pains to discover which of the several men, whose lives are so often wrongly quoted in mistake for that of our Patron Saint, is the real St. George, in whose honour we keep the 23rd of April. To all those interested in the subject among whom we class all good 5th Fusiliers we strongly recommend Mr. Raggett's little book, more especially as all profits on its sale are given to the fund for the widows and orphans of our men who fell at Zeebrugge and Ostend. It's price is 5/6 and it can be obtained from Messrs. Grigg and Son, York Street, Dover.

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Bound Volumes for 1918 are now ready to be sent out, price 7/6 post free. Orders accompanied by remittance should be sent to the Editor.

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Once again do we celebrate St. George's Day without the accompaniment of the din of battle. We doubt, however, whether much celebrating will take place, that is to say the celebrating we used to know and love by trooping the Colour. Cadre strength does not lend itself to ceremonial parades. Still, roses will doubtless be worn and mutual congratulations offered and received and we shall all remember that we are or have been 5th Fusiliers and are all the better therefore.

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Editorially we are celebrating the day by the production of a supplement kindly drawn especially for us by Mr. A. K. Lawrence, whose work has so often appeared in these pages during recent years to our great advantage.

We reprint the following from the *Newcastle Evening Chronicle* without comment:—

"The spirit of the Regiment is evidenced in every number of the Regimental Journal, the *St. George's Gazette*—one of the oldest, ablest and most successful papers of its class, and the first to find it's way to the Royal presence. In January, 1897, an edition de luxe of a number of the journal was accepted by the late Queen Victoria. No issue of the paper can be read without proof appearing of the great, silent, inexpressible motive power which binds all ranks and sections of the FIFTH together, and makes them not so much a mere Regiment as that 'band of brothers' spoken of by Nelson in relation to himself and fellow officers."

The above is part of a short account of the Regiment with regard to the St. George's Day celebrations in Newcastle.

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Subscriptions are due from the following during the month of May:—

F. Carrick, Esq.
Lieut.-Col. J. Gillespie
Mr. E. Harris
Warder Kennedy
Lieut. G. Thorneycroft
Lieut. B. J. Herrod
Sergeants' Mess, 1st Garr. Batt.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Capt. M. Barwick, Scots Greys
Capt. Boyle
Lieut. J. M. F. Craven
Capt. W. M. Dodd
Maj. A. F. Douglas
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2nd-Lieut. F. W. Ridley
Col. Shoubridge, C.M.G., D.S.O.
Maj. T. F. M. Smart
Lieut. W. Smart
2nd-Lieut. L. Steedman
Maj. Temperley
Maj. G. White, M.C.

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We received a telegram of congratulations on St. George's Day from the Details 2nd Battalion, at Catterick.

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Demobilisation is taking from us the pen of one of our

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staunchest scribes in "Pioneer." Undaunted by a hard hearted Censor, he has always come up to the scratch with some sort of notes. In dull times he has, most successfully, made copy and in lively times he has somehow found time to scribble an account of his unit's doings for the *Gazette*. We owe him a debt of gratitude and we hope that retirement from active military life will not mean absolute severance from these pages.

Letter to the Editor.

5TH FUSILIERS,
DEPOT BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

3rd April, 1919.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I find the Depôt Mess is very deficient of portraits or photographs of distinguished Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Regiment.

I wonder if any of your readers could help me by letting me have or telling me where I could obtain portraits, photos, etc., of distinguished 5th Fusiliers, Past and Present.

For instance, I should like portraits of all who have risen to the rank of General Officer, all who have ever commanded a Regular Battalion of the Regiment, besides those of any other "specially distinguished" Officers, N.C.O.'s or men. These would form a most interesting collection for future generations of 5th Fusiliers. In cases where I could obtain two portraits I would place one in the Officers' Mess and the other in the Sergeants' Mess.

The Depôt would appear to be the best place for keeping such a collection as it does not move about as do the Battalions.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT AULD (Major).

Commanding Depôt,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

COLONELS OF THE REGIMENT.

Lieut.-Gen. W. Lovelace Walton served 40 years in the Coldstream Guards, 1806-1846, and commanded the Regiment for over six years. He was at the capture of Copenhagen, 1807, served in the Peninsular campaigns 1808-1812, also was present at Quatre-Bras, Waterloo, and capture of Paris. He received the Peninsular, with "Talavera" and "Busaco" clasps, and Waterloo medals.

In 1856 he was appointed Colonel of the 5th Regiment of Foot and retained this appointment until his death in 1865. In 1861 Lieut.-Gen. Sir G. B. Milman married Gen. Walton's daughter, so the portrait we produce is of interest as being that of one colonel and the father-in-law of another colonel of the Regiment.

GEN. LOVELACE WALLACE.

The painting is now in the hands of Mr. W. Langley Browne, of Pall Mall Place, S.W., and it would be a matter of satisfaction if the portrait could be added to the collections of one of the regiments with which Gen. Walton was connected.

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"Quo fata vocant."

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"The Sapper"
"Hampshire Regimental Journal"
"The Globe and Laurel"
"The Green Howards Gazette"
"The Snapper"
"The Queen's Own Gazette"
"The A.S.C. Journal"

The Editor begs to acknowledge, with many thanks, subscriptions and payments for Gazettes, &c., from:—

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BIRTH.

ANDERSON.—On the 30th April, 1919, at 19, Lovaine Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the wife of Maj. Wm. Anderson, 6th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers (T.F.)—a son.

MARRIAGES.

JOHNSON—DAVIES. On the 29th April, at St. Margaret's Church, Durham, Thomas Archibald Johnson, Lieutenant, Northumberland Fusiliers, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Dorothy Gordon Davies, of Bow, Durham.

WOODHOUSE—ARMSTRONG.—On the 29th April, at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, by the Right Rev. Bishop of Whalley, assisted by **the Rev. Ruscow Shedden, Ralph (late 12th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers), only son of Mr. and Mrs. Forbes Woodhouse, to Grace, only child of Brig.-Gen. and Mrs. Herbert Armstrong.**

DEATHS.

BUCKLE.—On the 24th April, at Bolton Hall, Alnwick, Dudley Francis De Crespigny, Major, 3rd Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, beloved husband of Helena Buckle, and only son of Lieut.-Col. Dudley W. Buckle.

JONES.—Reported missing on the 27th May, 1918, near Pontavert, now presumed to have been killed on that date, Lieut. William Saville Jones, 4th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, dearly beloved elder son of Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, of Sheffield, late of Cheltenham, aged 23 years.

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

COMMAND AND STAFF.

The following tempy. appts. are made at the War Office:—

G.S.O., 3RD GRADE.—Bt.-Maj. C. E. Lembcke, D.S.O., North. Fusrs., and to relinquish the tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col., *vice* Maj R. G. T. Baker-Carr, M.V.O., retired pay (dated 1st April).

G.S.O., 3RD GRADE.—The name of Bt.-Maj. C. E. Lembcke, D.S.O., North. Fusrs., is as now described, and not as in the *Gazette* of 12th May.

The following relinquish their appointments:—

A.D.C.—Lieut. A. B. Surtees, North. Fusrs. (dated 15th April).

CL. FF.—Capt. E. H. Baxter, North. Fusrs. (dated 30th Nov., 1918).

STAFF ACCTNT. OFFICER, CL. FF.—The date of the appt. of the following is 6th Jany., and not as in *Gazette* 29th March:— Tempy. Capt. C. M. Goodall, M.C., Ser. Batt., North. Fusrs.

The following tempy. appts. are made at the War Office:—

G.S.O., 3RD GRADE.—Capt. A. P. Garnier, M.B.E., M.C., North. Fusrs., from a Brig.-Maj., *vice* Capt. D. S. Peploe, 20th Hussars (dated 12th May).

The following relinquish their appts.:—

Lieut. T. F. M. Smart, 7th North. Fusrs., T.F., and relinquishes the tempy. rank of Maj. (dated 16th April).

A.D.C.—Lieut. T. A. Oakshott, North. Fusrs., from tempy. Capt., Ser. Batt., North. Fusrs. (dated 23rd April).

CL. II.—Lieut. A. E. Rambaut, 7th North. Fusrs., T.F. (dated 19th Feby.).

The following tempy. appts. are made:—

SPECIAL APPTS. (CL. HH.).—Lieut. J. H. B. Meek, 5th North. Fusrs., T.F. (dated 12th April).

The following appt. is made:—

D.A.A.G.—Maj. H. L. Ovans, North. Fusrs. (dated 6th May).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Lieut. W. H. Barrass, 6th Durh. L.I., T.F., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (dated 11th April).

Lieut. J. Smith, 6th Batt., T.F., to be actg. Capt. (addtl.) (dated 12th Jany.) (substituted for notification in *Gazette* of 26th April).

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Tempy. Lieut.-Col. V. T. R. Ford, D.S.O. (Capt., York and Lanc. Regt.), vacates the cmnd. of 8th Batt. (dated 31st March); tempy. Lieut. H. F. W. Knowles relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy., 10th Batt. (dated 11th March).

Tempy. Maj. J. Peddie relinquishes the actg. rank of Lieut.-Col. on ceasing to cmnd. 8th Batt. (dated 18th Feby.); Bt.-Maj. R. J. Morris, D.S.O. (4th Batt. S. Staff. Regt., Spec. Res.), to be actg. Lieut.-Col. while cmndg. 9th Batt. (dated 12th Dec., 1918); the relinquishment of his commsn. by tempy. Lieut. W. M. Bowler, notified in *Gazette* 5th March is cancelled. Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. Richardson relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 11th May), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. Capt. C. Rowell relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 22nd May), and retains rank of Capt.

Tempy. Lieut. C. Morgan relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (addtl.), 14th Batt. (dated 21st April).

The relinquishment of his commsn. by tempy. Lieut. H. Green notified in *Gazette* 14th April is cancelled; tempy. Lieut. H. A. Wilkinson relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 24th May), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. J. F. Petrie relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 24th May), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. S. R. Sainsbury to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st May, with prec. next below H. Harrison).

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Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts. :—A. Hillary (9th Batt.), with prec. next below S. R. Sainsbury, J. D. Hetherington (19th Batt), A. F. Dawson (19th Batt.), G. Bestford (25th Batt.) (dated 1st May); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. G. C. Read relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 20th May), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. R. T. Green relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 20th May), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts. :—J. H. Brownrigg, M.C. (14th Batt.), with prec. next below S. R. Sainsbury; W. J. Laws, with prec. next below H. Harrison (dated 1st May).

Cadets to be tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. under the provisions of the Royal Warrant dated 30th Dec., 1918, promulgated in Army Order 42 of 1919 :—J. Y. Feggetter (dated 4th March); J. J. Crouch, H. A. Smith, R. Wigham, I. Winter (dated 5th March); W. S. Allan, T. Allison, M.M., A. Parr, D.C.M., M.M., C. E. Crowley, S. H. Baker, F. J. Catton, W. T. Doman, S. A. Elton, C. J. Freeman, R. H. Procter, C. Reader, J. J. Armstrong, A. E. Gledhill (dated 17th March).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts. :—C. W. Piper (dated 1st Feby.), with prec. next below H. W. Hersey; J. A. Taylor (36th Batt.) (dated 1st May), with prec. next below A. Hamilton.

Tempy. Lieut. A. Renton relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (addtl.), 18th Batt. (dated 2nd March, 1918). Tempy. Lieut. A. Renton to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy., 18th Batt. (dated 17th May, 1918, to 8th Jany.).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. Turner to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st Feby.), with prec. next below J. Shield.

Tempy. Capt. W. P. Curry relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 16th May), and retains the rank of Capt.; Lieut. J. Moffat, M.C. (Spec. Res.), to be tempy. Capt., 11th Batt. (dated 28th Oct., 1918).

Tempy. Capt. J. B. Craggs relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 30th April), and retains the rank of Capt.

Tempy. Lieut. J. O. Byrne (12th Batt.) relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy., 12th Batt. (dated 11th Dec., 1918).

Tempy. Capt. R. W. D. Reeves relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 7th May), and retains the rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. F. S. B. Cone relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 7th May), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. W. Kidd relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 7th May), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. G. D. Bacon relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 7th May), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. E. Bloomfield, from M.G. Corps (Inf.), to be tempy. 2nd-Lieut. (dated 18th March with senrty. 26th Jan., 1918); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. Carr relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 8th May), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.—J. B. Jackson (dated 19th June, 1918) with prec. next below H. Sears; H. P. Mullen (dated 1st Sept., 1918) with prec. next above N. Davidson; W. L. C. Hutton (12th Batt.) (dated 1st March) prec. next above S. R. Thompson.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. A. Reynolds to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st Feby.); tempy. Lieut. W. A. Reynolds relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 12th March) and retains the rank of Lieut. (substituted for *Gazette* notification dated 11th March); tempy. Lieut. E. Moore relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 15th April) and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts. :—S. J. Kerr (13th Batt.) (dated 24th Aug., 1918) prec. next above J. Thompson; W. Higham (dated 1st May) prec. next below G. Bestford.

Cadets to be tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. under the provisions of the Royal Warrant dated 30th Dec., 1918, promulgated in Army Order 42 of January, 1919: W. Chapman (dated 3rd March); G. H. Aungle, A. E. Kelly (dated 4th March); A. G. Ellis, W. Mowlle, M.M., O. R. Brown, J. D. Smith (dated 17th March).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. Carr to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st Feby.); tempy. Lieut. W. Carr relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 8th May) and retains rank of Lieut. (substituted for *Gazette* notification 7th May). Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts. :—G. R. Jefferson (dated 27th Dec., 1918) with prec. next below D. Harvey; A. Hamilton (dated 1st May) with prec. next below W. J. Laws.

Capt. K. E. S. Stewart, M.C. (W. York R.) to be actg. Maj. while 2nd in cmnd., 12th Batt. (dated 25th Oct.).

SPECIAL RESERVE.

Northumberland Fusiliers.

Lieut.-Col. R. F. Roundell relinquishes his commsn. on completion of the tenure of his cmnd. (dated 10th Feby.), and is granted permission to retain his rank and wear the prescribed uniform.

Capt. R. Taylor to be Adjt. (dated 21st March), *vice* Maj. C. E. Thornton, North. Fusrs.

2nd-Lieut. H. Tune relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 16th May), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Capt. (actg. Maj.) D. F. de C. Buckle relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 24th May), and is granted the rank of Maj.

2nd-Lieuts. to be Lieuts. :—D. Skipsey, J. Boughton, M.C. (dated 1st Feby.).

TERRITORIALS.

The King has been graciously pleased to confer the Territorial Decoration upon the following Officers of the T.F. who have been duly recommended for the same under the terms of the Royal Warrants dated 17th Aug., 1908, as modified by the Royal Warrant dated 11th Nov., 1918 :—

4th Batt.—Maj. W. E. Stephenson.

6th Batt.—Maj. W. H. Sowerby.

Northumberland Fusiliers.

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. R. Muckle is restored to the estbt. (dated 17th Jany.); 2nd-Lieut. R. A. Hill (attd. 35th Batt.) is restored to the estbt. (dated 30th March).

4th Batt.—Lieut. G. R. Lunn is restored to the estbt. (dated 14th March).

4th Batt.—Lieut. W. Harrison relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 13th May), and retains the rank of Lieut.

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. C. W. Mackenzie is restored to the estbt. (dated 2nd April).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. H. R. Rees to be Lieut. (dated 27th Dec., 1918); 2nd-Lieut. A. W. Leary to be Lieut. (dated 1st Feby.).

4th Batt.—Maj. W. E. Stephenson (Hon. Lieut. in the Army) relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 16th May), and retains his rank with permission to wear the prescribed uniform; 2nd-Lieut. G. H. S. Lester is restored to the estbt. (dated 11th March).

4th Batt.—Capt. J. R. B. Ord relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 9th May), and is granted the rank of Maj.

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. J. P. Forster relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 21st May), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. H. B. Harris (attd. 35th Batt.) is restored to the estbt. (dated 3rd May); 2nd-Lieut. W. Wynne (attd. 35th Batt.) is restored to the estbt. (dated 2nd May).

4th Batt.—Lieut. (actg. Capt.) W. F. R. Essex, M.C., 7th Batt., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. (dated 9th Jany.).

5th Batt.—Lieut. (actg. Capt.) J. G. Garrard, M.C., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. (dated 30th March); Lieut. J. Daglish is restored to the estbt. (dated 31st Jany.); Lieut. T. Lishman is restored to the estbt. (dated 14th Feby.); Lieut. S. Morrison is restored to the estbt. (dated 3rd Feby.).

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5th Batt.—Capt. W. Keen is restored to the estbt. (dated 18th April).

5th Batt.—Lieut. F. T. Basey relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 20th May), and retains the rank of Lieut.

5th Batt.—Lieut. D. C. Knowles is restored to the estbt. (dated 30th March); Lieut. J. O. Robson is restored to the estbt. (dated 6th April).

5th Batt.—Capt. A. N. Toovey (attd. 11th Batt. R. Scots Fusrs.) is restored to the estbt. (dated 25th Feby.).

5th Batt.—Lieut. T. A. Hill is restored to the estbt. (dated 21st Jany.).

5th Batt.—Lieut. (actg. Capt.) E. Bisset, M.C., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. (dated 18th April).

5th Batt.—Lieut. F. Haswell, 6th Batt., is restored to the estbt. (dated 23rd March).

5th Batt.—Lieut. A. P. Letts relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 6th May), and retains rank of Lieut.

6th Batt.—Lieut. P. Bates is restored to the estbt. (dated 2nd April).

6th Batt.—Capt. F. M. McLaren is restored to the estbt. (dated 10th May).

6th Batt.—Capt. F. M. McLaren is now seconded for service with a P. of W. Coy. (dated 3rd March).

6th Batt.—Lieut. (actg. Capt., without pay and allowances) J. T. Llewellyn relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. (dated 11th April).

6th Batt.—Capt. H. A. Ryott is restored to the estbt. (dated 24th Feby.).

7th Batt.—Capt. R. H. Hodgkin (attd. 35th Batt.) is restored to the estbt. (dated 30th March); Lieut. W. R. McMullan (attd. 18th Batt. Yorks Regt.) is restored to the estbt. (dated 7th March); Lieut. H. R. Peters is restored to the estbt. (dated 20th March); Lieut. F. B. Johnson is restored to the estbt. (dated 23rd March); 2nd-Lieut. A. Cowen is restored to the estbt. (dated 22nd March).

7th Batt.—Lieut. R. W. Shaw is restored to the estbt. (dated 18th April).

7th Batt.—Lieut. L. H. Hart relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 2nd May), and retains the rank of Lieut.

7th Batt.—Capt. (tempy. Lieut.-Col.) H. Liddell, D.S.O., M.C., relinquishes the tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. on ceasing to be emplyd. (dated 24th April); Lieut. R. D. Crawford is restored to the estbt. (dated 13th April); Lieut. T. F. M. Smart (attd. 35th Batt.) is restored to the estbt. (dated 17th April).

7th Batt.—Lieut. C. Cornelius is restored to the estbt. (dated 3rd April).

7th Batt.—Lieut. D. J. Davies resigns his commsn. (dated 1st May).

36th Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. C. N. G. Koch, M.C., North. Fusrs., to be actg. Capt. (addtl.) (dated 25th Feby.).

76th Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) B. M. Trier, E. Yorks Regt., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (addtl.) (dated 9th Feby.).

MEMORANDUM.

The following relinquish their tempy. rank on the disbandment of the 1st and 2nd W. African Frontier Force Ser. Brigades:—Lieut. (tempy. Capt.) O. T. Spaxman, North. Fusrs.

Tempy. Maj. H. E. Pease, D.S.O. (Capt., Durh. L.I.), ceases to be emplyd. as 2nd in cmnd. 52nd Grad. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 13th Feby.).

Capt. W. McCall, M.C. (3rd Batt. Gord. Highrs., Spec. Res.), to be Adjt., 53rd Grad. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 17th Feby.).

Tempy. Lieut. L. W. Page-Croft (N. Staff. Regt.) (Ser. Batt.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. as Adjt., 53rd Grad. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 17th Feby.).

Lieut. C. Cornelius (7th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy., 51st Grad. Batt. R. Fusrs. (dated 4th June, 1918).

The following relinquish the tempy. rank of Capt.:—Lieut. C. A. Clements, 5th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F., on vacating appt. as Brigade Phys. Trng. Supervising Officer (dated 20th Feby.); Lieut. P. Bates, 6th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F., on ceasing to be emplyd. as Instr. at an Army School (dated 2nd April); tempy. Lieut. R. Reed, Ser. Batt., North. Fusrs., on ceasing to be emplyd. as Asst. Area Gas Officer (dated 30th April); Lieut. A. McN. Smallwood, 6th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F., on vacating his appt. as Phys. and Bynt. Trng. Supervising Officer (dated 17th Jany.).

Lieut. A. Morris (5th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F.) to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. 52nd Grad. Batt., S. Wales Bord. (dated 1st Jany.).

Lieut. T. A. L. Thompson, D.S.O., M.C. (4th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy., 52nd Grad. Batt. Leic. Regt. (dated 17th Jany.).

The following relinquish the actg. rank of Capt.:—Lieut. B. D. Plummer, 4th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F., on ceasing to cmnd. a Section of a Tunnelling Coy. (dated 2nd April); Lieut. R. A. Murray, 5th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F., on ceasing to be emplyd. as Asst. Instr., School of Instruction (dated 21st Jany.).

Tempy. Maj. H. W. Gush, D.S.O., M.C. (12th Ser. Batt. North. Fusrs.) to be tempy. Lieut.-Col. while cmndg. 51st Grad. Batt. Bedf. Regt. (dated 27th Feby.).

Lieut.-Col. L. St. C. Nicholson (ret. pay) reverts to unemplyt. on ceasing to cmnd 51st Grad. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 10th April).

2nd-Lieut. A. Logan, 3rd North. Fusrs., Spec. Res., to be tempy. Capt. whilst emplyd. as an Education Officer (dated 25th Nov., 1918).

Capt. H. I. Powell, North. Fusrs., to be a Cmndt. Sch. of Instn., and to be tempy. Maj. whilst so emplyd., *vice* Capt. A. M. Whitaker, 4th York. Regt., T.F., who relinquishes the tempy. rank of Maj. (dated 1st April).

MACHINE GUN CORPS.

Lieut. to be Asst. Instr. (graded for pay at Hythe rates), and to be actg. Capt. while so emplyd.:—J. W. Crouch, D.C.M. (North. Fusrs).

Lieut. G. McCree (5th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Maj. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. (dated 8th Aug. 1918).

The following relinquish the actg. rank of Maj. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy.—Lieut. W. F. Horsley, M.C. (6th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F.) (dated 2nd April).

The following Lieuts. relinquish the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. as Adjts.:—J. L. Challoner (6th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F.) (dated 5th Jany.).

TANK CORPS.

The following relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Section:—Lieut. S. Knox (5th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F. (dated 7th Jany.).

GARRISON BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

1st Garr. Batt.—Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—D. H. Pope, G. W. Toward, from 1st Res. Garr. Batt., Yorks L.I. (dated 17th Dec., 1918).

2nd Garr. Batt.—Lieut.-Col. W. B. Stillwell, D.S.O. (4th Batt. Hamps. Regt., T.F.) to cmnd. the Batt. (dated 5th April).

2nd Garr. Batt.—Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. Greenwood to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st July, 1917).

3rd (Home Ser.) Garr. Batt.—Capt. C. J. Bayly (4th Batt. R. Innis. Fusrs., Spec. Res.), relinquishes the tempy. rank of Maj. on ceasing to be emplyd. with the Batt. (dated 24th Nov., 1918).

3rd (Home Ser.) Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Capt. R. Murray, D.C.M., to be tempy. Maj. (dated 25th Nov., 1918).

LABOUR BATTALION.

Tempy. Lieut. E. G. Badger (North. Fusrs., Ser. Batt.) to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. P. of W. Coy. (dated 16th March).

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HONOURS LIST.

War Office,
14th May, 1919.

BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL.

No. 16267 Pte. E. Hudson, M.M., 11th Batt. North. Fusrs.
(M.M. gazetted 24th January).

No. 22945 Pte. W. Turnbull, M.M., 3rd Batt. North. Fusrs. (Choppington Colliery)
(M.M. gazetted 11th February, 1919).

MILITARY MEDAL.

No. 7082 C.S.M. C. Adlard, 1st Batt. (Everton)
„ 65229 C.S.M. B. Sweeney, 1st Batt. (Halifax)
„ 65101 Sgt. J. Bullock, 1st Batt. (Huddersfield)
„ 948 Sgt. T. A. Tudor, 2nd Batt. (Nottingham)
„ 240629 Sgt. T. Wilkinson, 22nd Batt. (Walker)
„ 34977 Cpl. A. Jewell, 1st Batt. (Newport)
„ 47717 Cpl. (Lce.-Sgt.) P. Petruce, 22nd Batt. (Seinde)
„ 18/1207 Cpl. W. H. Riddle, 1st Batt. (South Shields)
„ 27885 Cpl. G. Ridley, 1st Batt. (Heelam)
„ 235456 Cpl. A. Shaw, 1st Batt. (Sheffield)
„ 44710 Cpl. (Lce.-Sgt.) M. Wood, 2nd Batt. (North Walbottle)
„ 39875 Pte. T. Allen, 1st Batt. (Penrith)
„ 203196 Pte. J. Bell, 1st Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 28756 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) C. E. Collins, 2nd Batt. (Whitby Bay)
„ 52756 Pte. E. T. Lecocq, 1st Batt. (Jersey)
„ 241810 Pte. F. A. Macrow, 2nd Batt. (Thetford)
„ 4876 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) J. Mortimer, 2nd Batt. (Dudley).
„ 3467 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) H. Mylitt, 2nd Batt. (Hull)
„ 235595 Pte. (Actg.-Cpl.) C. Norman, 1st Batt. (Morpeth)
„ 37778 Pte. A. Watton, 1st Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 29576 Pte. W. H. Watts, 3rd Batt. (Seaton Delaval)
„ 75276 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) J. R. Whitmarsh, 1st Batt. (Huddersfield)
„ 41685 Pte. C. Wood, 2nd Batt. (Huddersfield)

AMENDMENTS.

The following are the correct descriptions of the undermentioned W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and men whose names have recently appeared in the *London Gazette* for the award of the Military and Meritorious Service Medal:—

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

No. 79119 Pte. H. Fisher, 36th Batt. North. Fusrs.

DELFTIONS.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

No. 290034 Sgt. J. Cairns, 7th Batt. North. Fusrs.

FOREIGN DECORATIONS.

War Office,
17th May, 1919.

The following are among the Decorations and Medals awarded by the Allied Powers at various dates to the British Forces for distinguished services rendered during the course of the campaign. The King has given unrestricted permission in all cases to wear the decorations and medals in question:—

THE KING OF ITALY.

SILVER MEDAL FOR VALOUR.

Tempy. Capt. T. L. Browne, M.C., North. Fusrs. (Ser. Batt.)
2nd-Lieut. R. H. Garbutt, North. Fusrs. (Ser. Batt.)
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. C. McDonald, M.C., North. Fusrs. (Ser. Batt.)
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. S. Martin, North. Fusrs. (Ser. Batt.)

BRONZE MEDAL FOR VALOUR.

Lieut. J. H. Dunn-Yarker, North. Fusrs. (Spec. Res.)
Capt. D. L. Hutchinson, North. Fusrs. (Ser. Batt.).
Tempy. Capt. R. C. Mayall, M.C., North. Fusrs. (Ser. Batt.)
Lieut. J. Moffat, M.C., North. Fusrs. (Ser. Batt.)
Tempy. Capt. W. P. Simm, North. Fusrs. (Ser. Batt.)

CRO'CE DI GUERRA.

Tempy. Lieut. H. E. Cowling, D.S.O., M.C., North. Fusrs. (Ser. Batt.)
No. 5238 C.S.M. W. Bertram, M.M., 11th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Sheffield)
„ 10772 C.Q.M.S. H. Fail, 11th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Whickham)
„ 41908 Lce.-Cpl. W. D. Farmer, 10th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Drighlington)
„ 267666 Pte. W. Ness, 10th Batt. North. Fusrs., attd. Signal Section, Headquarters 68th Infty. Brigade (Old Hill, Stans)
„ 15684 Sgt. J. Smith, 11th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Sheffield)
„ 340700 Lce.-Sgt. H. Taylor, 11th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Oldham)
„ 5407 Pte. A. H. Watson, 11th Batt. North. Fusrs., attd. Signal Section, Hqrs. 68th Infty. Brigade (Eston)

Our Roll of Honour.

CAPT. J. C. LEASK, M.C.

Capt. J. C. Leask, late 5th Battalion, was reported missing on the 30th March, 1918, and is now officially presumed to have been killed on that date.

He was born in Dublin in 1876, came to Newcastle

CAPT. J. C. LEASH.

in 1910, and joined the 5th Battalion as 2nd-Lieut. in 1913. In France he acted as Wing Commandant to the 50th Division, and while in that capacity he organised and led a brilliant attack on the village of Demuin which was completely successful and gained for him the Military Cross.

Capt. Leask was a valued and clever contributor to the pages of *St. George's Gazette* both with pen and pencil and was ever ready with suggestions for

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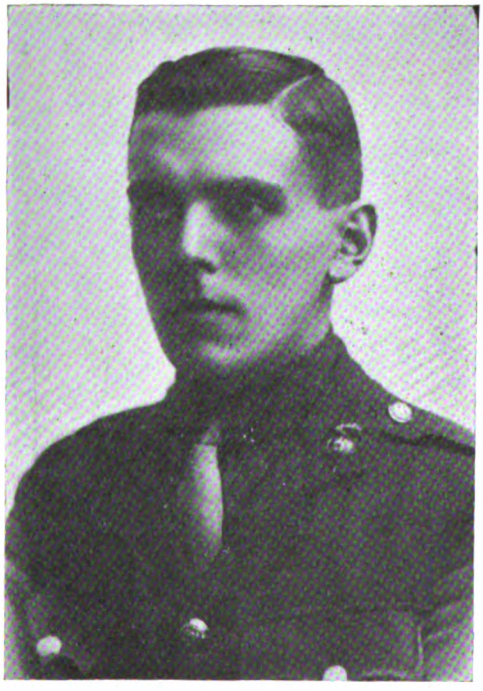
the improvement of this journal and the enlightenment of its readers in matters of uniform, equipment and history of the Fifth Fusiliers. The important series of articles under the heading of "The Regimental Museum and Bookshelf" which first appeared in 1915 was his idea and work. Illustration of "Vocabulary Vagaries" which appeared a year later were also the product of his imagination and skill.

His knowledge of Regimental History was not confined to the FIFTH. In conjunction with Capt. H. M. McCance, of the Royal Scots, he wrote and illustrated the Records of that Regiment—one of the most comprehensive Records of a Regiment ever published.

Capt. Leask leaves a widow and two children to whom Editorial as well as Regimental sympathy is respectfully tendered.



CAPT. DAVID TURNER.

An account of the death of the above officer appeared in our last issue under Roll of Honour.

Obituary.

MAJ.-GEN. J. M. TOPPIN.

The death took place on the 7th May, at Bournemouth, of Maj.-Gen. James Morris Toppin, who served in the FIFTH for some years. Gen. Toppin was born in 1837 and joined the 62nd Regiment in 1855. He was brought into the FIFTH as a Lieutenant in 1857 when the 2nd Battalion was raised. He exchanged into the West India Regt. in 1863, having got his Company in the 1st Batt. of the FIFTH. His son, Capt. Harry S. Toppin, who joined the FIFTH in 1895 was killed on the Aisne in 1914.

MAJ. D. F. DE C. BUCKLE.
(3rd Battalion).

Dudley Francis de Crespigny Buckle was the only son of Col. Dudley W. Buckle, R.A., and grandson of the late Rev. M. H. Buckle, Vicar of Edlingham, Northumberland. Born in 1876 he was educated at the United Services College, Westward ho! He joined the 3rd Battalion in 1896 and served as a subaltern in Capt. (now Col.) R. F. Roundell's Coy. Later on he left the Regiment and went to the East where he was for some years engaged in tea planting in Ceylon and rubber planting in the Malay States. In 1906 he married Helena, eldest daughter of the late Maj.-Gen. Lambert, of Bolton Hall, near Alnwick, and sister of Capt. J. M. Lambert, of the 3rd Battalion, who was killed in action in France in 1915. He leaves two children, a son and a daughter. In 1914 he re-joined the 3rd Battalion, at Newcastle, and proceeded to the 1st Battalion, in France, in September of that year. In October he was badly wounded, but on recovery again served with his own Battalion and again went to France, when he was wounded a second time. After a further period with the 3rd Battalion when he served as Assistant-

MAJ. F. DE C. BUCKLE.

Adjutant, he went to France again, for the third

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time, to the 1st Battalion, of which he subsequently became Second-in-Command. During the German Offensive, of 1918, he was in temporary command and the personal courage and skill that he displayed earned for him the highest praise from his Brigadier. On returning to England last year he was attached to the Hants Yeomanry in Ireland, and with them he remained until the time of his death from a heart affection. To his old brother officers of the 3rd Battalion the news of his death came as a heavy blow and no officer or man who served with him all the long time he was with the 1st Battalion in France will ever forget how "Creppy's" plucky cheeriness and quaint humour heartened all ranks in the long misery of the days of trench warfare and in the times of heavy pressure of the German attacks. A sterling good fellow and of a most lovable personality his memory will live for ever with those whose toil and perils he did so much to alleviate. His cousin, Capt. G. D. Waddilove, still serves in the Battalion and among the Officers who attended the funeral were Col. R. J. Roddam, Capt. N. Allgood and Maj. A. Browne.

Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

FRANCE,
19th May, 1919.

St. George's Day was spent with the 2nd Battalion at Wargnies le Grand. The Band played in the village in the morning and at an Open Air Concert in the evening. The 2nd Battalion beat us 5—2 at hockey in the afternoon.

PROGRAMME OF OPEN AIR CONCERT.

1. Song "Roses of Picardy" Bdmr. Steffen
2. Band March— "Old Comrades" Band
3. Song ... "Red Devon" Lieut. Stephenson
4. Song and Dance ... ... "What do you want to make those eyes at me for" Pte. Tyler
5. Overture ... "Mirella" Band
6. Card Manipulator ... ... C.S.M. E. Gosman
7. Song ... "Sympathy" Lieut. Stephenson

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Telegrams or letters of good wishes were received from:—Cols. Hart Dyke, Darley, C. G. C. Money, C.B., E. W. Dashwood, D. Sapte; Lieut.-Col. W. N. Herbert, D.S.O.; Maj. B. T. St. John; Maj. A. C. Milne-Home, M.C.; Mrs. Wigram Clifford; Capts. C. G. Leslie, M.C., C. T. S. Cogan, E. H. Baxter, H. O. Sutherland, K. J. Williams and F. B. Corbet-Singleton. Also O.C. Depôt, O.C. Details, 2nd Battalion, 16th Battalion Comrades League.

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Divisional Sports were held at Herbignies on the 7th May and Corps Sports at Caudry on the 10th. At the latter the 50th Division won nine events out of 14.

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We have changed football and hockey for cricket, some of us have been on leave and the Cadre has been reduced in numbers.

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The donkey has ceased to draw unemployment pay and is working hard for its living, distributing rations to the various billets. Otherwise life is very quiet and unchanging here.

2nd BATTALION NOTES.

WARGNIES LE GRAND,
FRANCE,
19th May, 1919.

We confidently hoped that we should have celebrated St. George's Day in England, but as the days disappeared one after another bringing us nearer to our "*Fête de Jour*" we saw our hopes vanish in air and when the morning of the 23rd of April broke it found us still in this village, and to the amazement of the "*Civils*" saw "*Les soldats Britannique*" all adorned in roses.

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Under the conditions in which we live and the difficulty in obtaining very much in the way of a luxurious addition

ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1919, PTE. TYLER, 1ST BATT., AT OPEN AIR CONCERT.

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to our table, the best possible was done for the men in order that we should in some small way preserve the Honour of our Patron Saint and ensure his beneficence in the years to come in which His memory may be more fittingly adorned by the old time honoured customs of our predecessors.

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During the morning the Band of the 1st Battalion discoursed music on the balcony of the tower of the war worn Church, and in the afternoon the Band of the 2nd Battalion played at the Sergeants' Mess.

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At the chateau the Officers of the 1st and 2nd lunched and dined together. At dinner Col. Hardman Jones proposed the time honoured toast of "Absent Friends."

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An open air concert was arranged, in the field, in front of the chateau, after tea and practically all members of both Battalions attended, and so past with us St. George's Day, 1919.

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The weather lord vouchsafed to us quite a delightful day, and the pleasures of an unclouded sun.

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We received cablegrams of good luck from the following: Details, 2nd Battalion, Catterick; Comrades League, 16th Battalion; The Depôt; H.M.S. *St. George*; Cols. Hart-Dyke, Darley, Dashwood, Sapte; Majs. Leslie, Holderness, St. John and Freeman; Capts. Cogan and Milne Home, M.C.; Lieut. L'amie; Sergeants' Depôt, North. Fusiliers.

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Cols. A. C. Hardman Jones and B. Cruddas, D.S.O., left on the 19th for a week-end at Waterloo and Brussels and we hear they enjoyed the trip.

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On the 20th about 140 Bosche P. of W. arrived under a guard of the French to clear up the battlefield in this area of the dangerous shells, etc., lying about. There have already been several serious accidents. One Frenchman tapped the end of a shell with a pick, no doubt innocently, but this cannot be corroborated, as the only evidence left is a demolished house.

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Scratch football and cricket have been arranged during the fine weather. On St. George's Day the Officers and Warrant Officers played a game of hockey with the 1st Battalion. It is perhaps wiser not to comment on the style but the umpire was indulgent.

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On the 27th elimination contests in the tug-of-war for the Corps Final took place between the 1st and 2nd but the former gave away to us and we gave way to someone else.

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Now life in our village is one of those uneventful periods in one's career when some smiling newsmonger will disturb our serenity by raising false hopes in our breasts of an early departure only to be rudely shorn aside. "*Nous faire partir*" is not yet. Even our Editor was guilty in not sending our share of *Gazettes*. We were not so optimistic.

On the 2nd May we suffered a further amputance in the despatch of Capt. Rogers, M.C., Lieuts. Stephenson and Cotton, together with 80 men who proceeded to Calais to join the P. of W. Coy. there. We wish them luck in their lengthened sojourn on this side of the Channel.

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Some officers have been able to "Jazz" at Valenciennes and Le Quesnoy where we hear they had a good time.

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On the 18th some of us went over to Wargnies Le Petit and lunched with the Officers of the 7th Battalion Wilts Regt., and afterwards witnessed some sports got up by the Officers of that Garrison, 7th Wilts, 1st Leinster and the 2nd R. M. Fusiliers for the youth of that fair village.

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There was considerable amusement in the sports as it is probable the youthful inhabitants had never taken part in some of the English games. At the tug-of-war the young men did not have the ghost of a chance against the brawny damsels. While in the potato race the young damsels did some good sprinting. The tilting of the bucket afforded them the greatest fun of all.

2ND BATTALION (NUCLEUS) NOTES.

CATTERICK,
20th May, 1919.

Another month has passed away and still we remain only a Nucleus—a highly efficient one, of course, but still, only a Nucleus; we patiently await the day when we can blossom forth as the 2nd Batt. 5th Fusiliers.

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St. George's Day was a great success, in spite of our small numbers. The morning was spent at the mercy of the photographer and in preparation for the Sergeants' Dance in the evening.

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The Dance Hut was an artistic triumph; hung with bunting and draped with flags. The immovable billiard table at one end of the hut was completely hidden beneath a mass of red and white roses; the whole being surmounted by the Drums and the "Drummer's Colour."

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Dancing waxed fast and furious after the arrival of the strong contingents of V.A.D.'s, Q.M.A.A.C.'s and N.A.C.B.'s; so furious was it that many a strong man had to be revived—even the strongest requiring constant treatment; as for the weak, they could not survive and were led away—but few were weak. It was certainly a most successful day.

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Telegrams of congratulation were received from the following:—Depôt; 3rd Battalion; Gen. Yatman; Col. and Mrs. Turner; Col. Wood; Col. Roundell; Maj. and Mrs. St. John; Majs. Thornton, Holderness and Gatehouse; Capts. Baxter, Sutherland, Corbet-Singleton and Mahon.

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Quite a lot of men have been rolling up and our strength is now over 150, but we are very short of Officers and N.C.O.'s.

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Lieut. and Qrmr. Maynard reported for duty on the 12th May; we most heartily welcome him.

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We have started a little soldiering at last; R.S.M. Crabtree may be seen any morning on our stony square driving the spirit of the FIFTH into the re-enlisted men, or perhaps I should say putting the final polish on to the spirit, as the majority of the men are Fusiliers and have been for some time.

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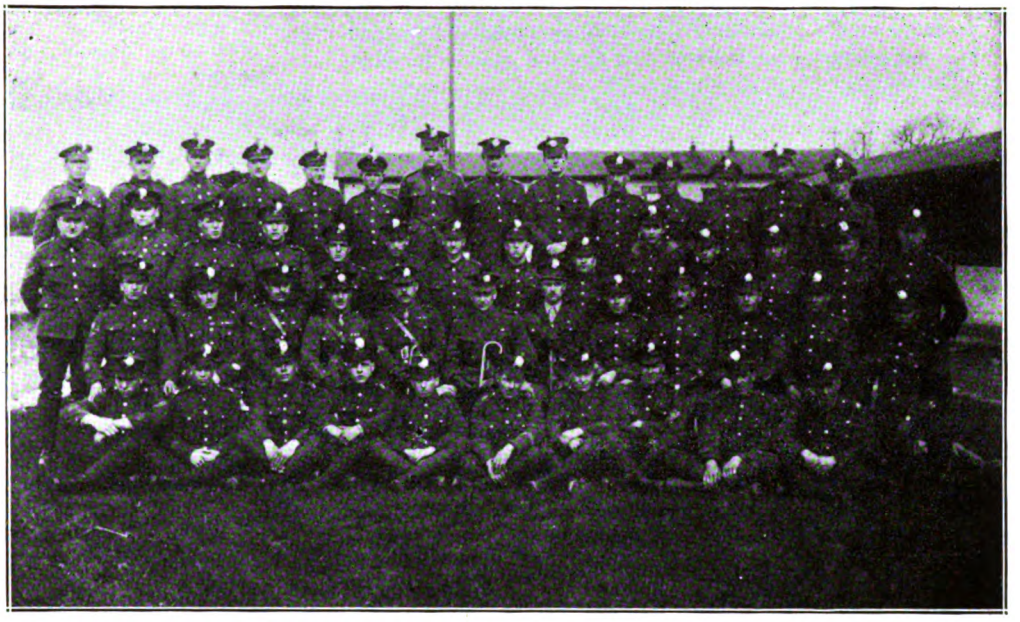
Agriculture continues at high pressure and the Camp is a mass of upturned earth, manure and perspiring Boche prisoners—a pretty sight! By the time the next notes are written, we hope the wonders of Nature will be more manifest.

G. J. W. G.



NUCLEUS OF 2ND BATT. AT CATTERICK. ST. GEORGE'S DAY 1919.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

No. 13 CAMP,
DURRINGTON,
22nd May, 1919.

"Summer is icumen in" with a vengeance on Salisbury Plain, where there is little shade but, glory be, always a cooling breeze. Shirt-sleeve parades are the order of the day and Officers and other ranks get busy at the nets every evening "together joined in crickets manly toil" (Bryon—I think?).

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Cricket prospects are bright and two elevens have been formed. The 1st XI. begins the season on Saturday, 24th, at Amesbury against the local side, and the 2nd XI. tackles the New Zealanders 2nd the same day on the Battalion Ground. We shall miss the "skippering" of Lieut. D. C. F. Burton, but our loss is Yorkshire's gain, and quite a satisfactory array of talent (how easily one slips into journalism this hot weather!) is available for both teams.

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The Officers have some useful tennis players and are practising hard for their matches against the N.Z. on the 24th. There is an excellent grass court and two hard courts are in process of construction.

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Maj. Ovans has become a neighbour having been appointed Recruiting S.O. Southern Command at Salisbury. He has been over to see us and we are also expecting a visit from Lieut.-Col. Sandilands.

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The Battalion Concert Party, "The Eyetocems," continue their victorious career and their weekly shows in our theatre and their visits to other units have met with the consistent success they deserve.

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The Commander-in-Chief Southern Command is to inspect the Brigade on Tuesday, 27th May. This is his farewell inspection prior to handing over the command to his successor in June.

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Another Fusilier Battalion, the 3rd Inniskillings, has joined the Brigade and a full fixture list at cricket, etc., has already been arranged with them.

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DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
May, 1919.

Very little has occurred at the Depôt during the month. The mess is almost unanimous in the opinion that the only amusement that Newcastle affords at present is golf. But is golf an amusement? It certainly cannot be said that it "amuses" the beginner who has fallen a victim to the charms of the game.

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We are busy remaking the tennis court, which had been dug up for potatoes during the war.

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We regret to have to announce that Capt. M. Blackett-Ord proceeded to a Dispersal Station for demobilisation on the 18th. We congratulate him on this success, which has only been accorded to him after repeated applications, and wish him the best of luck for the future.

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Capt. C. R. Freeman, D.S.O., M.C., has joined the Depôt as Adjutant.

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In last month's notes appeared a photograph of the arrival of the Cadres of the 10th and 11th Battalions. It should have been mentioned that this was due to the courtesy of the *Illustrated Chronicle* to whom we now tender our apologies for the omission and our thanks for their courtesy.

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During the past month we have been having a veritable spring cleaning of Barracks (not before it was wanted!) The last four years has been a time more of "war" than "spit and polish" and consequently the said spring cleaning was badly wanted throughout the Barracks.

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We have all of us been put to some little inconvenience at times by the incursion of a party armed with buckets full of whitewash, brushes, pails, trestles, etc., into our rooms but the end has justified the means and the Depôt Barracks is now feeling like a man feels just after his morning tub and rejoicing in its own cleanliness.

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We are busy making a hard tennis court in place of the old pre-war grass court in front of the Officers' Mess.

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We have hopes for its ultimate success but just at the moment of writing the court looks more like no-man's land at the end of a ten minutes' barrage than a hard tennis court! Still—"*Qui vivra verra.*"

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Owing to lack of rain the fishing in the neighbourhood has not been very good and but few of us have been tempted to try the gentle art. However, Maj. Auld and Capt. Blackett Ord got a nice basket of 28 trout on the Duke's private water at Alnwick the other day.

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Capt. C. R. Freeman, D.S.O., has arrived and taken over the duties of Adjutant.

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Capt. Scanlan has been "lent" to 5A District and now combines the duties of a Staff Officer with those of P.R.I. and Mess President at the Depôt.

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We publish two photos taken on St. George's Day. Anyone wishing to purchase these can do so from Messrs. Stewart, Photographers, Bluckett Street, Newcastle.

THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT AND OFFICERS OF THE DEPOT, 5TH FUSILIERS, TAKEN ON ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1919, AT NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Back Row.—Lieut. Brown, Capt. and A./Adjt. Scanlan, Lieut. Watts.
Middle Row.—Capt. Kirsopp, Maj. Muir, Maj. Anderson, Capt. Hogshaw, Capt. Blackett-Ord.
Front Row.—Lieut.-Col. E. P. A. Riddell, Maj. and Q.M. Landen, Maj.-Gen. Sir Percy Wilkinson (Colonel, 5th Fusiliers), Maj. Robert Auld (Comdg. Depot), Lieut.-Col. Bett.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

During the past month we have had the pleasure of seeing a few "old faces." Amongst those who have reported and been "repatriated to other climes" have been C.S.M.'s "Kog" Graham, "Digger" Stanley, and "Dixie" Lee.

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"Those Points"!! No reader, not those which are causing a world-wide discussion, but 14 points conscientiously raised and delivered by "Woodrow Gus" in an impressive manner at the last Mess Meeting.

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Fortunately, all were settled, and our illustrious member sat down triumphant.

9TH BATTALION (NORTH'D. HUSSARS) NOTES.

MARTIN EGLISE CAMP,
NEAR DIEPPE,
May, 1919.

The month of April still finds us carrying on at Martin Eglise, and with our various Detachments at San Saens, Merville

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and Le Tréport. We are indeed a "scattered" family, but in spite of all, training and education is proceeding apace.

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Recreational training, too, occupies an important position in our daily programmes.

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Football still continues, and there has been a very marked improvement in the Company Teams, D Coy. in their match with B Coy. making a very fine show, their defence being specially commented upon.

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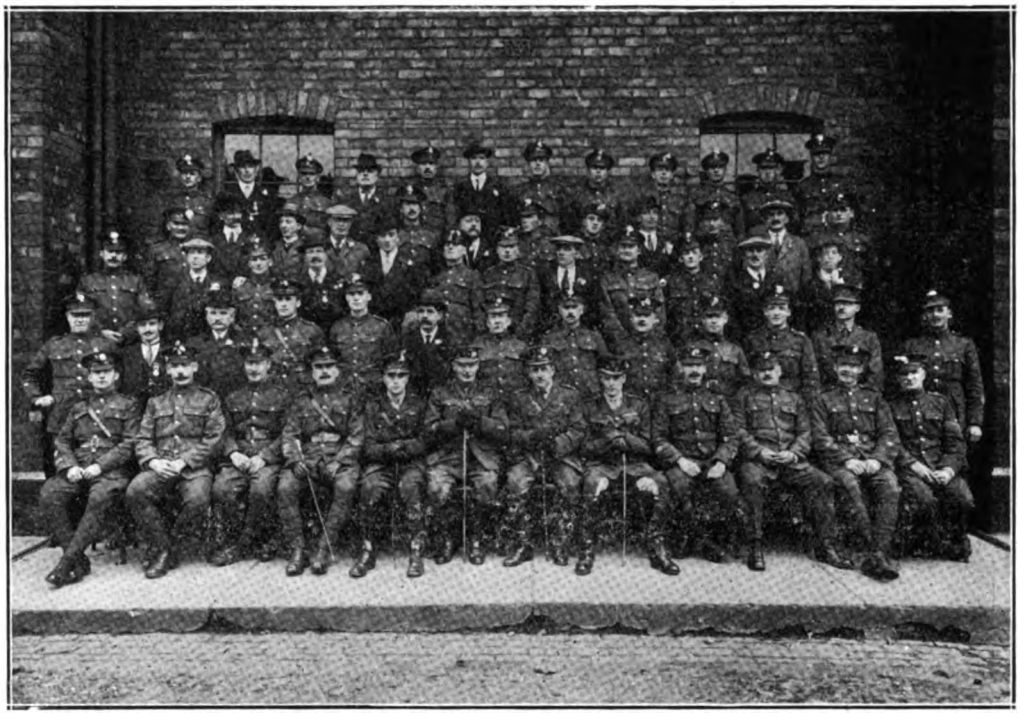
Hockey is still on the "games list" and already a start is being made with cricket now that the finer weather has set in. Swimming, too, is being indulged in and there are many nocturnal visits made to the river near by, indeed we hear that in one Company at least swimming sports are being spoken of already. Dancing, too, has been taken up with great enthusiasm and as many as three classes a week are being held. Whist Drives, too, are a regular weekly item now in the Battalion programme, so that we can feel satisfied and congratulate ourselves that we have tried at least to cater for all tastes in the matter of amusements and recreational training.

GROUP OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.O.'S, 5TH FUSILIERS—PAST AND PRESENT—TAKEN AT THE DEPOT ON ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1919.



NAMES FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:—

Back Row.—C.S.M. Watson, C.S.M. Keen, Sergts. Wagg, Worth, Craven, Snowdon, Woodhead, Moore, Battie, Carr, Goldie, Carlin.

Fourth Row.—Sergt. Sykes, R.Q.M.S. Tindle, Sergt. Corrighan, R.Q.M.S. Halloran, Sergts. Evans, Fisk, Dixon, Fenemore, Brace, Deeks, Ladzrie, Lewis.

Third Row.—Sergt. Henry , C.S.M. Wilford, Sergts. Morrison, Nobbs, Moat, Scott, Turner, C.S.M. Hobson, Sergt. O'Hara, C.S.M. Eltringham, Sergt. Lancaster.

Second Row.—C.S.M. W. Beecham, A./R.S.M. I. Robinson, Col.-Sergt. T. Conlon, R.S.M. Rowsell, C.S.M. O. Dipper, C.Q.M.S. H. Huckans, Sergt. L. Purcell, C.S.M. R. Cochrane, S.-Sergt. W. Ridley, Sergt. J. Featherstone, C.S.M. O'Hara, 2nd-Lieut. F. Gibbs, R.S.M. H. Todd.

Front Row.—R.S.M. M. Mellors, C.Q.M.S. D. Readhead, C.S.M. C. Guttridge, R.S.M. W. Dresser, Capt. and Adjt. T. M. Scanlan, M.C., Maj.-Gen. Sir Percy Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., etc., etc. (Colonel, 5th Fusiliers), Maj. R. Auld (Comdg. Depot), Maj. Anderson, R.Q.M.S. S. Ambury, O.B.Q.M.S. J. Fenton, C.S.M. G. Prophet, C.Q.M.S. J. Balding.

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During the month the claims of Reconstruction have taken the following officers from us:—2nd-Lieut. V. Curson (our very energetic Asst.-Adjt. and one of the "leading lights" in our Battalion Soccer Team), 2nd-Lieut. Jack Hindle, the ever popular Sports Officer and O.C. No. 14 Platoon, D Coy., Lieut. Berke, M.C., Lieut. Akister (commonly known as "Tabs" on account of his short connection with the "Staff" of the Qrmr.-Lt.'s at Cherbourg), Lieut. Kipling (Education Officer), Lieut. E. G. Bates (whose initials E.G.B. we had learnt to look forward to each month as the writer of some of our best "Notes" that have appeared in this journal), Capt. Knott, who, though not long with us, endeared himself to us all by his very genial manner and his readiness to "become one of us," 2nd-Lieut. Halliday, D.C.M., Lieut. Wood (who have returned to England to join one of our 2nd Line Battalions, being Regular Officers), Lieut. Crawford (also a Regular Officer) and last but not least, our very popular Adjutant, Capt. R. F. Harrison, whose familiar "Circus Rides" up and down the steep slopes of the forest near to the Camp, will always remain in the memory of some of us, indeed any new "Remount" that arrived at the Battalion was always "tested" by our "riding expert" before being "posted" to a Company. To these and to all who have left us, we wish a long life, good luck and success in whatever sphere of life they find themselves in, with an earnest hope that we may meet them all some day in mufti.

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The glorious hot weather we are now experiencing has revealed to us in the forest which overlooks our Camp, Nature in all her glory, and on Saturdays and Sundays it has become a favourite rendezvous for the French villagers, to say nothing of our Sergeants and certain very near "female" relations of theirs with their familiar khaki costumes.

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To those of an artistic nature ample scope for their efforts has been found in the waste soil in front of the huts in the Company lines and some very beautiful gardens have already been laid out, the Regimental Badge, Divisional and Brigade Signs being prominent.

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Undoubtedly the outstanding feature of the past month was the St. George's Day celebrations and this year we were able to celebrate the day in right Royal Fusilier way.

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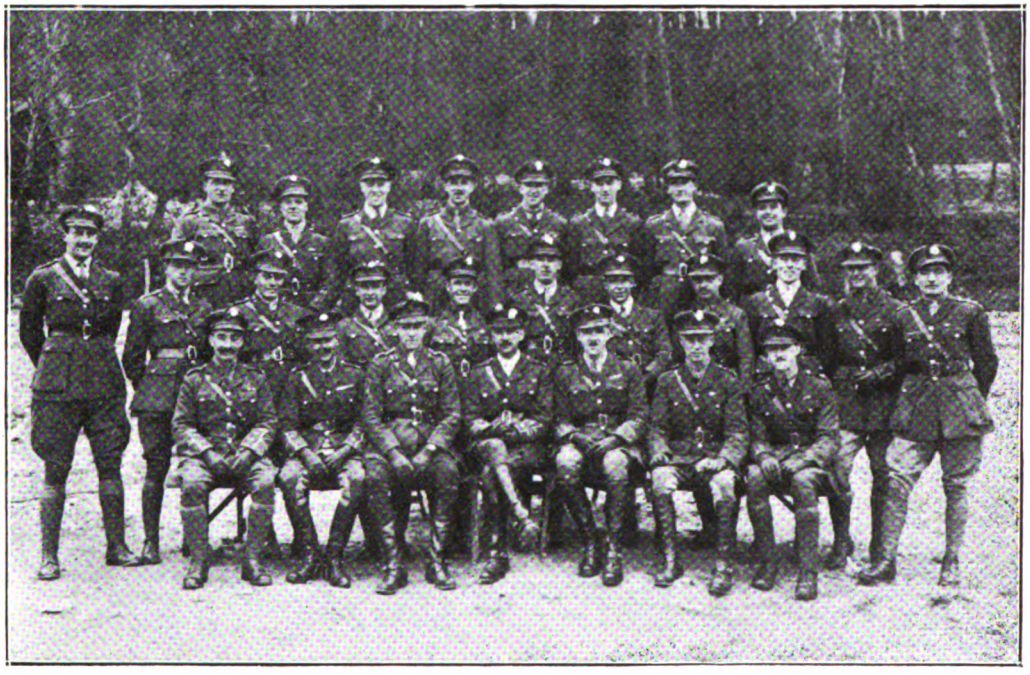
The festivities included an Officers' Dinner, a Dance for the N.C.O.'s and a Concert and Sports for the men. Our Divisional General and the Brigade General were present at the distribution of roses, the Major-General taking the salute at the March Past, which, with our Colours and drums decked with roses made the occasion a memorable one.



OFFICERS 9TH BATT., ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1919.

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The whole camp, and some lady friends, turned out to see the sports in the afternoon, the pillow fight and the Officers mule race being two of the "star" events.

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Our fate is still in the balance, rumours of moves, etc., free the air, and Egypt is frequently mentioned, in fact it was heard in the Cookhouse that a very Senior Officer was overhauling his valise and looking out his tropical kit.

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We were glad to hear that our Battalion was represented at the St. George's Day Parade at Newcastle, amongst those present were Capt. Logie and Lieuts. Bates and Berke.

H. A.

19TH BATTALION NOTES.

"SOMEWHERE-AT-HOME,"

May, 1919.

We are finished, demobbed, released, and otherwise freed from Service. Let us not sing any triumphal pæans; let it suffice that we all have grown to love the Army, and to cherish the Fusilier badge. Glad enough to be home, yet we put aside our uniforms with regret. The 19th Battalion has ceased to exist; long live its memory.

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The crossing was great. We began well. On 22nd April the transport was hauled to St. Omer, and so our little force was split into two parts. For St. George's Day, however, the roses had been sent out by the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce Military Committee, and the display astonished the natives, and not only the natives! One of the transport men was "run-in" by a Sergeant-Major of Police for wearing unauthorised flowers in his cap. The D.A.P.M. of St. Omer was highly amused and at once liberated the indignant Fusilier. What he said to his Sergeant-Major only the pair of them can know; but the "accused" was lucid in his remarks afterwards. "And," said he, "the sanguinary, double adjectival M.P. had two rows of ribbons."

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The remaining troops travelled early on the 24th April in lorries to St. Omer, and began loading the train at 10.00 hours, ready for the departure of the train at 13.00 hours. The loading was soon finished—for was not the train going in the direction of home? A meal for the men was arranged in the Church Army Hut, and the Officers went to the Club for lunch, the Brigade-Major supervising the loading of the whole group (105th Infantry Brigade, 204th Field Coy. R.E., 107th Field Ambulance, and the Pioneers). All returned at 12.30, only to be told that the train would not depart until 16.00 hours. Such delays were not unknown, so all the cadres hung around, to kill time, in the Church Army Hut on the platform. At 13.30 it was discovered that the train had gone! Most of the men were aboard, but not a single officer. The Station Master had merely forgotten to tell anyone that the time had been altered again.

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The fat *chef de gare*, who had certified that all officers

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were aboard, roared with laughter at the way he had "put one over" on the British; and a dozen fuming, crowned, starred or tabbed people routed out the R.T.O., and asked what about it? We went by goods train to Hazebrouck, then on by goods train *via* Bergues to Dunkirk. But oh, that shunting at Cassel! And, so, about 23.00 to the camp at Dunkirk, where we found that the troop train had arrived hours before, the men were comfortable, the transport under guard and all sereno, thanks to the Royal Scots Fusiliers in charge of the camp.

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We embarked on Sunday, 27th April, and had a tempestuous passage, 22 hours from Dunkirk to Southampton. It was the day of the big storm; and the Isle of Wight was snow-clad when the little Russian tub rolled up Southampton water. At one time the skipper swore that his ship was going backwards. Most of us didn't care a damn if it were going to the bottom. "Mine loose at ——," came the warnings.

"We're past that," said the skipper.

"What a pity," groaned one pale-green sufferer.

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Ripon at last, and the handing over of "rammers, earth," and the like white elephants after their years of touring France. While arrangements for a civic reception at Newcastle were being made, the cadre was unfortunately dispersed. So the grand finale fizzled out.

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"Are ye oot?" asks Jimmie.

"Aye, man," says Geordie. And its a fine sight to see the splendid fellows in Newcastle, cheerful and happy. The Comrades League will keep them together; and, though they all swear that in the next war they will be conscientious objectors, let a national emergency arise, and they'll rally round the Colours to a man. That these topping lionhearts will be as successful in civil life as they have been in the Army is the earnest wish of their admiring

"PIONEER."

19TH NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS COMRADES LEAGUE.

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Cpl. R. W. Birtle
Sgt. J. Miller
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Cpl. C. W. Payn
Capt. A. Stabell, M.C. } *ex-officio.*
Mr. T. M. McBryde }

OBJECTS OF THE LEAGUE.

1. To maintain comradeship amongst those of all ranks who have served in the 19th (Service) Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers (Pioneers).

2. To hold a re-union at least once a year.

3. To take such steps in the interests of Past Members of the Battalion and their dependants as may be found desirable.

RULES (*Inter Alia*).

1. All who have served in the 19th (Service) Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers shall be eligible for membership.

2. Except so far as otherwise provided in these Rules or by resolution of a General Meeting, the affairs of the League shall be managed by a Committee to be appointed annually by the members at the Annual General Meeting of the League, the Committee to hold office until the next annual meeting.

3. The Committee shall consist of not less than 5, nor more than 9 members, exclusive of *ex-officio* members, and shall have power to add to its numbers up to the limit of 9 ordinary members.

4. All applications for membership of the League to be sent to the Hon. Secretary for approval of the Committee.

5. Each Member shall pay an annual subscription of 2/- to the Funds of the League (in addition to cost of suppers, etc., which he attends).

6. A General Meeting of the Members shall be held in Newcastle in each calendar year.

7. The Committee shall present an annual report and balance sheet at each Annual General Meeting.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
31st May, 1919.

We learn that a regimental dinner, for Officers who have served at any time in any of the Regular Battalions of the FIFTH, was held at Rettburgs Restaurant, Cologne, on the 22nd April, when the following officers were present:—

Gen. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O.
Lieut.-Col. Girdwood, C.M.G., D.S.O.
Lieut.-Col. Morton, D.S.O. (Cheshire Regt., late 5th Fusiliers)
Maj. Foster, M.C.
" Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O.
" Swaine, M.C.
" Ottley
" Arkwright, M.C.
Capt. Buckley
Capt. Chipper, M.C.
" Pease, M.C.
" Steel, M.C.
Lieut. Pilling
" Porter-Hargreaves

The toasts of the King and "His Majesty's Fifth Foot and Absent Friends," proposed by Gen. Yatman, were drunk.

The apologies of those responsible for the invitations are due to any Officers whose presence with the Army of the Rhine may have been overlooked.

Up to the present, only one such has been discovered, in the person of Capt. R. W. B. Simms, late 5th Fusiliers, well known to all old members of the late regular 3rd Battalion.

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We call to the special attention of all readers of the *St. George's Gazette* the letter from Maj.-Gen. Sir Percy Wilkinson which we publish in this number. The importance of compiling a full, accurate, and readable account of the achievements of the Regiment as represented by its fifty Battalions cannot be too strongly urged, and we think that the plan proposed by its Colonel-in-Chief in his letter is by far the best system on which to base such an undertaking. If it is any help to Commanding Officers (and we believe that it should prove to be) we will gladly publish a monthly list of the names and addresses of each Battalion Editor with a general appeal to all who have MSS. which may be of use to send them to the respective Editor.

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No. 22/848 Lce.-Cpl. W. S. Derby, B Coy., 8th Platoon, 9th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, wounded and missing at Monahy, 23rd April, 1917. Any information to Mrs. Derby, West House, Roker Avenue, Sunderland.

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We have had our attention drawn to the fact that among the names appearing in the New Year's Honours List was the following:—

> Capt. D Robertson, Headquarters, 99th Infantry Brigade, awarded the Military Cross "for distinguished service in connection with military operations in France and Flanders."

We also missed the name of Lieut.-Col. E. B. Gordon, C.M.G., D.S.O. Error regretted.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Capt. M. Barwick, Scots Greys	2nd-Lieut. J. Hanley
Capt. Boyle	Mrs. Jones
Mr. W. J. Buxton	Miss E. G. Johnstone
Lieut. J. M. F. Craven	2nd-Lieut. C. H. Mitchell
Capt. W. M. Dodd	Lieut.-Col. G. Reavell
2nd-Lieut. R. C. Elliott	2nd-Lieut. F. W. Ridley
Lieut. W. H. Fay	Maj. T. F. M. Smart
Lieut.-Col. Gathorne Hardy, D.S.O.	Lieut. W. Smart
2nd-Lieut. W. Harvey	2nd-Lieut. L. Steedman

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Subscriptions due in June:—

Lieut.-Col. H. Bryan, C.M.G.	Lieut.-Col. Pagan
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Sgt. D'Hooghe	Lieut. C. D. Williams
Capt. A. G. Edwards	Capt. E. Anderson
W. Feggetter, Esq.	Mr. G. Ashton
Mr. A. Kenefic	W. H. Tottie, Esq.

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We are very short of copy these times. Perhaps someone serving in one of the Battalions or all of the Battalions now with the Army of the Rhine will break the silence so long preserved and write us a screed about their doings out there? Some of those, too, who have been serving with the Staff may have MSS. which would make interesting and edifying not to say amusing reading. Why not try anyhow?

NOTICE!

50TH (NORTHUMBRIAN) DIVISION.

All Officers who desire to join the Annual Dinner Club which has been formed in connection with the 149th (Northumberland) Infantry Brigade are requested to send as soon as possible to the Hon. Secretary (Maj. G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., No. 1, Mosley Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne) their name, rank, Unit and address together with 5/- the annual subscription to the Club. It is proposed to hold a dinner in Newcastle-upon-Tyne about September next. All Officers of the Brigade and of the 50th Divisional Troops who served with the Division in France between the 20th April, 1915, and the 27th May, 1918, are eligible as members.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE

2ND-LIEUT. E. H. TOTTIE, 5TH FUSILIERS.

On the 14th May a service was held at All Saints' Church, Ascot, for the dedication and unveiling of a window and tablet in memory of Lieut. O. W. Tottie, R.N., and 2nd-Lieut. E. H. Tottie, 1st Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, who both died on the 22nd September, 1914.

Lieut. O. W. Tottie, R.N., was doing courses at Greenwich at the outbreak of the war, and was appointed temporarily to H.M.S. *Aboukir*, one of the three cruisers which were sunk in the North Sea by torpedo attack. 2nd-Lieut. E. H. Tottie joined the Regiment on the 22nd August and was shortly afterwards appointed to the 1st Battalion, and sailed for France on the 8th September, in company with the then Capt. Hardman Jones, Capt. Lamb, Lieut. Harvey Bathurst and Lieut. Nunnelly. He was wounded on the 20th September near Vailly-sur-Aisne, and died in Braisnes Hospital on the 22nd.

Capt Marriott, R.N., came down to the Service to represent Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, the First Sea Lord, and brought a special message from the King, expressing his deep sympathy. The Regiment was represented by Col. Herbert, D.S.O., Maj. Platt, D.S.O., and Maj. Stephens, from the Staff College; and Capt. Carrick, M.C., Lieut. Jardine, M.C. four N.C.O.'s and two buglers belonging to the 3rd Battalion came over specially from Durrington Camp, Salisbury. The two buglers of the Regiment sounded the "Last Post," and two trumpeters from the Navy the "Reveille."

The window contains a figure of "St. George," with the arms of England above; and it was hoped that the unveiling would have been possible on St. George's Day. The tablet carried the text from "Wisdom"—"They being made perfect in a short time fulfilled a long time."

Letters to the Editor.

TO THE EDITOR, *St. George's Gazette.*"

SIR,—I notice in the April number of the *Gazette* that you have followed the example of certain contemporary journals by introducing a "Puzzle Page."

A capital idea! But might I suggest that you have made a rather ambitious start, for the old riddle, "Sisters and

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brothers have I none, etc.," pales to insignificance in face of your first problem.

There are three premises:—

1.—General Lovelace Walton was Colonel of the Regiment and the father-in-law of Gen. Sir C. B. Milman, who was also Colonel of the Regiment.

2.—Gen. Lovelace Wallace, whose portrait is published, was "one Colonel and the "father-in-law" of another Colonel of the Regiment."

3.—It would be a matter of satisfaction if the portrait of Gen Wallace could be added to the collection of one of the Regiments with which Gen. Walton was connected.

I should like so much to know if Mr. W. Langley Browne sent up this riddle, but I won't ask you, as some of the younger competitors might think I had got the solution from him.

My answer is: They were both sons-in-law of Gen. Wallace Loveton.

I hope I get the prize.

"H.R.S."

(The prize is yours and we hereby appoint you deputy assistant reader of proofs in hot weather.—EDITOR, "*St. George's Gazette.*")

DOVER,
26th May, 1919.

To THE EDITOR, *St. George's Gazette.*

DEAR SIR,

The following, taken from the *Dover Express* of the 23rd instant, might prove of interest:—

It is proposed to institute a war memorial to commemorate the life and work of the late Lieut. Oliver Tunnell, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, and history master of the Dover County School for Boys, who, at the call of duty, laid down his life for King and Country in the war. It is proposed to found a history prize in perpetuity, and to be awarded annually. A sum of about £25 or £30 will be required for the purpose, and subscriptions are invited from boys, parents and friends in order to make the memorial worthy of our heroic dead and the School he served so well.

Yours respectfully,

"X.Y.Z."

HISTORY OF THE REGIMENT DURING THE WAR.

UNITED SERVICE CLUB,
PALL MALL,
6th June, 1919.

To THE EDITOR, *St. George's Gazette.*

SIR,—I have been asked by several Officers of the Regiment whether any steps are being taken to write a History of the Regiment which will record its doings during the Great War, and if not whether I would undertake the duty of arranging that it should be put in hand.

Official records show that during the war fifty Battalions of the Regiment were in existence, and that they fought on many fronts.

To write a Regimental History would therefore mean the writing a history of the war.

It appears to me that the best procedure will be for each Battalion to write its own history, and I suggest that we should proceed on the following lines:—

In a short time from now the war diaries of the Battalions and of the Brigades in which they served will be available for reference, and they will give the authentic facts and dates of the principal events.

In the meantime I suggest that each Battalion should collect records of its inner life and deeds, written by those who took part in them or were eye-witnesses.

I think that both for the sake of future generations of Fusiliers, and in honour of those who fought, it should be clearly shown by recorded incidents in modern war how the success of an operation and the credit of a Battalion rests chiefly in the hands of the junior Officers, N.C.O.'s and men.

Several Battalions have for some time been collecting the material for a "living" history such as I have attempted to outline above. When this material is collected it only remains for the Battalion historian to refer to the official War Diaries to complete the full narrative and ensure its historic accuracy.

When these histories are written they will form a small library by themselves, and every Battalion, in addition to having a full record of its own doings, will be able to follow the achievements of its sister Battalions.

To assist in this an appeal might be made through the *St. George's Gazette* to Officers who have served, and their friends and relations, to look through any diaries and letters which they possess and to supply their Battalion Editor with such extracts as they may consider worthy of record.

I further suggest that the opinion of Commanding Officers of all the Battalions of the Northumberland Fusiliers which took part in this war be asked for in *St. George's Gazette*, and their replies be published when received.

We shall then know whether our Regimental History will be complete or what gaps will require filling up by some agency other than those of the Battalion.

Yours truly,

P. S. WILKINSON (*Maj.-Gen.*),
Colonel, Northumberland Fusiliers.

The following casualties, taken from War Office lists, have regretfully to be recorded:—

OFFICERS.

KILLED.

Lieut.-Col. B. D. Gibson, D.S.O.	2nd-Lieut. K. L. C. Hammond
Capt. W. H. C. Brownlow	„ H. V. E. Jennings
„ C. S. Burrows, M.C.	„ J. Macmeeken
„ A. E. Hills	„ J. H. McMurdo
„ J. M. Tate	„ W. B. Marsh
Lieut. H. McD. Anderson	„ W. W. Miln
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BIRTHS.

GATEHOUSE.—On the 14th May, at Colchester, Dorothy, wife of Capt. G. J. W. Gatehouse, 5th Fusiliers, of a daughter.

RYOTT.—On the 26th May, at Hazel Terrace, Hurworth-on-Tees, the wife of Capt. Harold A. Ryott, 6th North. Fusiliers (T.F.)—a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

LEWIS—BLUNDEN.—On the 14th June, at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Penge, by the Rev. A. M. Griffiths, Lieut. G. H. Lewis, M.C., late 1st and 5th Batts. Northd. Fusiliers, to Ethel, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blunden, of Westcliffe-on-Sea.

SEAVER—SEAVER.—On the 12th June, 1919, at St. George's, Cam, Glos., by Rev. Jonathan Seaver, B D., uncle of the bride, Capt. Joseph Abbott Seaver, Northd. Fusiliers, youngest son of Capt. Jonathan Seaver, R.A.F., and grandson of the late Thomas Seaver, Heath Hall, County Armagh, to Mary Violet, daughter of Rev. William Seaver, Vicar of Cam, and granddaughter of the late Dean Seaver, of Belfast.

DEATHS.

BARNARD.—On the 21st of May, 1919, at Lummerhill, Co. Meath, Ireland, Thomas Barnard, late 1st Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers. Deeply mourned by his wife and children. Peace, perfect peace.

THORNHILL.—On the 19th June, at Lahore, of heat-stroke, Capt. Charles Massy Thornhill, D.S.O., M.C., Croix de Guerre, 24th Punjabis, younger son of Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Thornhill, Indian Army (retired), aged 34.

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

COMMAND AND STAFF.

The following relinquish their appointments:—

HDQRS. OF ADMIN. SERVS. AND DEPTS.

FORESTRY DIRECTR. (CL. GG.).—Capt. E. J. B. Robson, 6th Batt. North. Fusrs. (T.F.) (dated 3rd Feby.).

STAFF CAPTAIN.—Capt. A. B. Thompson, 6th Batt. North. Fusrs. (T.F.), from an attd. Officer (dated 6th April).

STAFF CAPTAIN.—Tempy. Capt. R. C. Mayall, M.C., Ser. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 9th March).

The following relinquish their appointments:—

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

CL. FF.—Lieut. T. F. M. Smart, 7th Batt. North. Fusrs. (T.F.), and relinquishes the tempy. rank of Maj. (dated 17th April) (substituted for the notification in *Gazette* of 12th May).

The following relinquish their appointments:—

A.G.'s AND Q.M.G.'s STAFF.

D.A.Q.M.G.—Capt. O. G. Blayney, M.C., North. Fusrs., and relinquishes the tempy. rank of Maj. (dated 10th April).

The following relinquish their appointments:—

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

CL. FF.—Maj. E. C. Dixon, 4th Batt. North. Fusrs. (T.F.) (dated 24th May), and relinquishes the tempy. rank of Capt.

STAFF CAPT.—Capt. H. A. Ryott, 6th Batt. North. Fusrs. (T.F.), relinquishes his appointment (dated 23rd Feby.).

STAFF CAPT.—Tempy. Capt. R. C. Mayall, M.C., Ser. Batt. North. Fusrs., from an Adjt. (dated 20th Feby.).

STATION ACCOUNTANTS OFFICERS (CL. FF.).—And to retain their tempy. rank whilst so emplyd.:—Lieut. (tempy. Capt.) W. E. Harris, 7th Batt. North. Fusrs. (T.F.), from 2nd Jany. to 31st March.

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Maj. and Bt. Col. (tempy. Brig.-Gen.) F. L. Festing, C.M.G., retires on ret. pay, and is granted the hon. rank of Brig.-Gen. (dated 1st June).

Lieut. J. F. E. Radcliffe resigns his commsn. (dated 7th June).

Lieut. A. E. Woods resigns his commsn. (dated 6th June).

Lieut.-Col. H. S. Ainslie, C.M.G., on completion of his period of service in cmnd. of a Batt., is placed on the H.P. List (dated 10th April) (substituted for notification in *Gazette* 9th April).

2nd-Lieut. to be Lieut.—C. B. Andrews (dated 1st Nov., 1918).

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Capt. J. R. Wharton (6th Batt. R. War. R., T.F.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Maj. on ceasing to be emplyd. with 9th Batt. (dated 8th April).

Tempy. Capt. F. J. Downey, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 12th June), and retains the rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. G. H. Lewis, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 12th June), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. T. A. Crofts to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 7th Oct., 1918), with precedence next below A. B. McKeand, M.C.

Tempy. Lieut. D. McLeod relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 11th June), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. J. A. Wooldridge, from Gen. List, to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 17th June, with seniority from 1st Jany., 1918). Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—A. Gibson (dated 1st May, with prec. next below A. Hillary); W. Gerrard (actg. Capt. and Adjt.) (23rd Batt.) (dated 28th May, with prec. next below W. H. Polley).

Lieut. H. B. Bell (7th Batt., T.F.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (addtl.), 14th Batt. (dated 28th Feby.).

Tempy. Lieut. T. Charlton relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 1st June), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. F. Baccus relinquishes his

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commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 1st June), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

H. H. Priestland (tempy. Lieut., R.A.F.) to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 9th Aug., 1918, with seniority from 28th March, 1917); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. Blake (25th Batt.) to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 28th May), with prec. next below W. Gerrard; G. Donald, from tempy. Lieut., Gen. List, to be tempy. 2nd-Lieut. (dated 14th Feby., with seniority from 12th May, 1915); W. A. Renshaw (tempy. 2nd-Lieut., R.A.F.) to be tempy. 2nd-Lieut. (dated 17th Jany., with seniority from 1st Aug., 1917).

Tempy. Lieut. H. H. Allison relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 20th June), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. W. C. Hannah relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 20th June), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. E. S. Brown, from Gen. List, to be tempy. Lieut., with seniority from 1st July, 1917. Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—W. A. Renshaw (dated 1st Feby), with prec. next above T. H. Taylor; J. W. C. Hawkings (dated 23rd March), with prec. next below H. Harrison. The relinquishment of his commsn. by tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. E. Walton, notified in *Gazette* of 23rd April, is cancelled.

Tempy. Lieut. H. Oyston relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 18th June), and retains the rank of Lieut. Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. Richardson relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 18th June), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. V. F. Jordan to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st Sept., 1918); tempy. Lieut. V. F. Jordan relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 15th April), and retains the rank of Lieut. (substituted for *Gazette* notification of 14th April).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. N. Holt to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st May, with prec. next above A. Hamilton).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. D. Geggie to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st Feby.), with prec. next above H. W. Hersey.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. S. Wray to be tempy. Lieut., with prec. next below J. A. Taylor (dated 1st May).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. Gray relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 3rd June), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

The relinquishment of the actg. rank of Capt. by tempy. Lieut. R. M. Huntrods, notified in *Gazette* of 1st April, is cancelled. Tempy. Lieut. N. Watson (17th Batt.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. (dated 8th Feby.).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—R. H. Comley (dated 22nd May, 1918), with prec. next above A. Ingle; G. W. Lacey (dated 28th Sept., 1918), with prec. next above F. S. B. Cone; H. H. Davies (dated 26th Oct., 1918), with prec. next below N. C. Henry; H. F. Dodd, with prec. next below G. C. W. Pringle, F. H. Bedford, with prec. next below P. Cavan, J. H. Nicholson, with prec. next below W. J. Nicol (dated 30th Nov., 1918); F. G. Oliver (dated 27th Dec., 1918), with prec. next below J. E. M. Grant; L. Langley (dated 1st May), with prec. next below A. Gibson; W. H. Polley (dated 28th May), with prec. next below W. Higham; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. L. Brown, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 15th June), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Cadets to be tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. under the provisions of the Royal Warrant dated 30th Dec., 1918, promulgated in Army Order 42 of 1919:—J. Barker, A. Brown, F. A. Cook, R. C. Myers, M.M., R. S. Walton, H. O'Neill (dated 6th March); T. P. Brown, A. Nesbit, W. Robson, C. G. W. Gardner, H. S. Armstrong, D.C.M., R. W. Durrant, H. Spence, J. G. Walton (dated 17th March); J. Whyte (dated 24th April).

SPECIAL RESERVE.

Northumberland Fusiliers.

3rd Batt.—Lieut.-Col. and Bt. Col. R. F. Roundell relinquishes his commsn. on completion of the tenure of his cmnd., and is granted permission to retain his rank and wear the prescribed uniform (dated 10th Feby.) (substituted for notification in *Gazette* of 7th May). The notification regarding Capt. (actg. Maj.) D. F. de C. Buckle in *Gazette* of 23rd May is cancelled.

2nd-Lieuts. to be Lieuts.:—A. Logan (dated 26th Oct., 1918); G. R. Lingard (dated 1st Feby.); A. G. Owen, P. E. Marsland (dated 28th Feby).

TERRITORIALS.

Northumberland Fusiliers.

4th Batt.—Capt. D. K. McComb (attd. 35th Batt.) is restored to the estabt. (dated 27th April).

4th Batt.—Lieut. (actg. Capt. and Adjt.) A. H. Charcot, 6th Batt., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on vacating the appt. of Adjt. (dated 17th April).

4th Batt.—Lieut. E. C. Wilson is restored to the estbt. (dated 29th May).

4th Batt.—Qrmr. and Capt. J. S. C. Fade relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service, and retains his rank (dated 24th June).

4th Batt.—Capt. H. Cheesmond is restored to the estbt. (dated 6th April).

5th Batt.—Lieut. G. V. Fogerty relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health, and retains the rank of Lieut. (dated 10th June).

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. A. E. Brown to be Lieut. (dated 19th June, 1918).

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. R. W. Walker to be Lieut. (dated 28th May).

6th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. E. R. Wilson, M.C., to be Lieut. (dated 28th May).

7th Batt.—Lieut. L. Edwards is restored to the estbt. (dated 21st May).

7th Batt.—Lieut. O. Smith relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 25th June), and is granted the rank of Capt. 2nd-Lieut. M. M. Grice is now seconded for service with R.A.F. (dated 8th Aug., 1918).

7th Batt.—Lieut. M. E. K. Westlake is restored to the estbt. (dated 19th April).

35th Batt.—Capt. D. K. McComb vacates the appt. of Adjt. (dated 27th April).

MACHINE GUN CORPS.

Lieut. D. McAllister, 7th Batt. North. Fusrs. (T.F.) to be Adjt., and to be actg. Capt. with pay and allowances of Lieut. while so emplyd. (dated 1st Jany.).

Lieut. H. Y. Bell, 5th Batt. North. Fusrs. (T.F.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be 2nd in cmnd. of a Coy. (dated 8th March).

The following Lieut. to be actg. Capt. while 2nd in cmnd. of a Coy.:—D. McL. Douglas, 6th Batt. North. Fusrs. (T.F.) (dated 26th Dec., 1918).

MEMORANDUM.

The following relinquishes the tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col.:—Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. W. H. Wild, D.S.O., North. Fusrs., on vacating his appt. as Comndt. Officers' Cadet Batt. (dated 27th May).

The following is granted tempy. rank as follows, for service with the W. African Frontier Force:—As Maj.—Capt. A. C. Milne Home, M.C., North. Fusrs.

Capt. H. E. Pease, D.S.O. (Durh. L.I.), to be tempy. Lieut.-Col. while cmndg. 52nd Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 13th Feby.).

Tempy. Lieut.-Col. W. A. Vignoles, D.S.O. (North. Fusrs., Ser. Batt.) vacates the cmnd. of 52nd Grad. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 13th Feby.).

To be tempy. Maj.—Capt. C. J. Edwards, 3rd Batt. North. Fusrs., Spec. Res., whilst emplyd. in the Repatriation Record Office (dated 6th March).

The following relinquish actg. rank of Capt.:—Lieut. G. J. Banfield, 5th Batt. North. Fusrs. (T.F.), on ceasing to cmnd. a Railway Operative Coy. (dated 9th June).

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TANK CORPS.

Tempy. Capt. A. H. Gatehouse, M.C. (Lieut. (tempy. Capt.), North. Fusrs.), relinquishes the actg. rank of Maj. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. (dated 2nd April).

GENERAL LIST.

GENERAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

A. E. Woods, late Lieut., North. Fusrs., to be Lieut. (dated 6th June), with seniority from 5th Jany.

J. F. E. Radcliffe, late Lieut., North. Fusrs., to be Lieut. (dated 7th June), with seniority from 1st Jany., 1915.

LABOUR BATTALIONS.

Lieut. M. E. K. Westlake, 7th Batt. North. Fusrs. (T.F.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with the Corps (dated 18th April).

Tempy. Lieut. E. G. Bodger, North. Fusrs. (Ser. Batt.) to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. P. of W. Coy. (dated 16th March) (substituted for *Gazette* notification of 27th May describing name as E. G. Badger).

GARRISON BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

2nd Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. J. Greenwood relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 11th April), and retains the rank of Lieut.

3rd Home Ser. Garr. Batt.—The transfer of tempy. Lieut. S. Sinclair from 17th Ser. Batt. R. Scots, notified in *Gazette* of 28th Feby., is cancelled.

BIRTHDAY HONOURS.

OFFICERS.

WAR OFFICE,
June, 1919.

C.B.

Col. (actg. Brig.-Gen.) F. L. Festing, C.M.G., North. Fusrs. (France)

EGYPT.

Maj. and Bt. Col. (tempy. Brig.-Gen.) B. T. Buckley, C.M.G., North. Fusrs.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.

Lieut. (actg. Capt.) H. Ford, North. Fusrs. (France)

AIR FORCE CROSS.

Lieut. (actg. Capt.) W. Algie, D.S.O., North. Fusrs.

M.B.E. (MILITARY DIVISION).

Lieut. (H. and actg. Capt.) P. Colbeck, North. Fusrs. (Egypt)

C.M.G.

Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. (tempy. Brig.-Gen.) W. N. Herbert, D.S.O., North. Fusrs.

ITALY.

Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. (tempy. Lieut.-Col.) H. R. Sandilands, D.S.O., North. Fusrs.

C.B.E. (MILITARY DIVISION).

Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. (tempy. Lieut.-Col.) G. S. Jackson, D.S.O., North. Fusrs. (T.F.) and R.A.M.C.
Col. (Hon. Brig.-Gen.) T. G. L. H. Armstrong, r.p.
Col. E. W. Dashwood, r.p., Res. of Officers
Lieut.-Col. A. J. Foster, C.M.G., North. Fusrs. (Res. of Officers)

WAR OFFICE,
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O.B.E. (MILITARY DIVISION).

Capt. (tempy. Maj.) St. J. E. Montagu, r.p., North. Fusrs.
Capt. H. B. Speke, 1/4th Batt. North. Fusrs.
Capt. (tempy. Maj.) R. F. Burnand, 6th Batt. North. Fusrs. (T.F.)
Maj. S. C. Ferguson, r.p., North. Fusrs. (Res. of Officers)
Capt. (tempy. Lieut.-Col.) E. J. Hart, North. Fusrs.
Lieut. A. K. Kirsop, 6th Batt. North. Fusrs.
Lieut.-Col. F. C. Viscount Maitland, 3rd Batt. North. Fusrs.
Lieut.-Col. G. T. D. Reavell, North. Fusrs. (T.F.)
Capt. (actg. Maj.) S. G. Redman, 5th Batt. North. Fusrs.
Capt. C. Rowell, North. Fusrs.
Lieut. (tempy. Capt., actg. Maj.) T. F. M. Smart, 7th Batt. North. Fusrs.
Maj. (tempy. Lieut.-Col.) E. O. Wathen, r.p., North. Fusrs.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Maj. (actg. Lieut.-Col.) F. L. Thomson, York and Lancs. Regt. (Spec. Res.), attd. 9th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Lieut., retired pay, late Norfolk Regt.)
Maj. (actg. Lieut.-Col.) J. F. Thomson, North. Staff. Regt., attd. 36th Batt. North. Fusrs.

ITALY.

Tempy. Maj. P. L. Lincoln, M.C., 10th Batt., North. Fusrs.
Maj. W. H. Mosley, M.C., 2nd Batt. Wilts. R., attd. 11th Batt. North. Fusrs.

M.B.E. (MILITARY DIVISION).

Lieut. J. Glencross, 5th Batt. North. Fusrs.
Capt. C. J. Edwards, North. Fusrs.
Lieut. R. Trenam, M.C., North. Fusrs.
Tempy. Capt. A. Wood, 3rd (Garr.) Batt. North. Fusrs.
Lieut. G. E. Yarrow, North. Fusrs. (T.F).

ITALY.

Tempy. Qrmr. and Lieut. C. Bundock, 11th Batt. North. Fusrs.

THE MILITARY CROSS.

Tempy. Capt. H. Atkinson, 14th Batt. North. Fusrs.
Lieut. C. H. Cooper, North. Fusrs.
Tempy. Lieut. M. Guthrie, 19th Batt. North. Fusrs.
Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) C. Logan, 18th Batt. North. Fusrs.
Tempy. Lieut. A. R. Hunter, Gen. List (late 23rd North. Fusrs.)
Tempy. Lieut. P. F. Hutton, 8th Batt. North. Fusrs.
Tempy. Lieut. A. W. Lambert, 12/13th Batt. North. Fusrs.
Tempy. Capt. (actg. Maj.) C. F. Mayo, 16th Batt., attd. 1/7th Batt. North. Fusrs.
Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) J. T. Nuttall, North. Fusrs. (Spec. Res.) attd. 4th Batt. Bedf. Regt.
Lieut. (actg. Capt.) B. D. Plummer, 4th Batt. North. Fusrs. (T.F.), secd. 185th Tunnl'g. Coy. R.E.
Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) N. Watson, 17th Batt. North. Fusrs.
2nd-Lieut. A. E. Woods, 1st (attd. 8th) Batt. North. Fusrs.

ITALY.

Tempy. Capt. F. L. Allan, 25th, attd. 10th Batt. North. Fusrs.

TO BE BREVET LIEUT.-COLONEL ON PROMOTION TO SUBSTANTIVE MAJOR.

Capt. and Bt.-Maj. (tempy. Lieut.-Col.) W. Platt, D.S.O., North. Fusrs.

TO BE BREVET MAJOR.

Capt. (tempy. Maj.) E. S. Swaine, M.C., North. Fusrs., attd. 2nd Army Cyc. Batt., Cyc. Corps.
Capt. (tempy. Maj.) K. G. Williams, North. Fusrs.

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ITALY.

Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. (tempy. Lieut.-Col.) H. R. Sandilands, D.S.O., North. Fusrs.

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Maj. and Bt. Col. (tempy. Maj.-Gen.) T. H. Shoubridge, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., North. Fusrs.
Tempy. Lieut. H. E. Cowling, D.S.O., M.C., 11th Batt.
Tempy. Maj. R. H. Gill, D.S.O., 11th Batt.
Tempy. Capt. F. W. Hird, M.C., 10th Batt.
Tempy. Maj. P. L. Lincoln, M.C., 25th Batt., attd. 10th Batt.
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. Little, 10th Batt.
Tempy. Capt. R. C. Mayall, M.C., 11th Batt., attd. H.Q., 70th Inf. Bgde.
Tempy. Capt. J. B. W. Robertson, D.S.O., 11th Batt.
Tempy. Lieut. E. G. Simons, 11th Batt.
Tempy. Maj. E. Turnbull, 10th Batt.
Lieut. J. L. Umbers, M.C., 4th Batt. (T.F.), attd. H.Q., 69th Inf. Brigade
Tempy. Lieut. G. L. Whitehurst, 11th Batt.
Tempy. Capt. N. Y. Wilson, D.S.O., M.C., 11th Batt.
Lieut. E. Wrighton, D.S.O., 4th Batt. (T.F.), attd. 10th Batt.

SALONIKA.

Capt. and Bt. Maj. (tempy. Lieut.-Col.) G. R. F. Leverson, D.S.O., North. Fusrs.

MESOPOTAMIA.

KING'S AFRICAN. RIFLES.

Lieut. (tempy. Capt.) F. H. Bustard, North. Fusrs., attd. 2/3rd Batt.

EGYPT.

Lieut. C. Barnard, 7th Batt. (T.F.) North. Fusrs.
Maj. and Bt. Col. (tempy. Brig.-Gen.) B. T. Buckley, C.M.G., North. Fusrs.
Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. (tempy. Lieut.-Col.) S. H. Kershaw, D.S.O., North. Fusrs.
Lieut. A. Hughes, 7th Batt. (T.F.), attd. 54th D.S. Coy., R.E.

June, 1919.

WAR OFFICE,

FOREIGN HONOURS.

CROIX DE GUERRE.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. P. Fisher, North. Fusrs., attd. R. Irish Rif.
Tempy. Capt. H. H. Roberts, North. Fusrs.
Tempy. Lieut. J. T. Willis, North. Fusrs.
No. 24/1580 Sgt. C. Keegan, 19th Batt. (West Stanley, Durham)
No. 19/64 Cpl. E. W. Watson, 19th Batt. (Wallsend-on-Tyne)

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WAR OFFICE,
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MILITARY MEDAL.

No. 1743 C.Q.M.S. S. G. Hobson, 2nd Batt. (Calcutta)
„ 205554 Sgt. T. M. Bell, 2nd Batt. (Wark-on-Tyne)
„ 2542 Sgt. G. Bowes, 2nd Batt. ([E] Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 16899 Sgt. W. Butterfield, 2nd Batt. (Potherham)
„ 27/144 Sgt. F. Castling, 13th Batt. (Durham)
„ 31818 Sgt. E. Falton, 2nd Batt. (Romily)
„ 37176 Sgt. E. Gair, 2nd Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 2782 Sgt. V. Gill, 2nd Batt. (North Shields)
„ 60770 Sgt. G. Greenwood, 9th Batt. (Bradford)
„ 21/1049 Sgt. J. Hamblin, 9th Batt. (Bedlington)
„ 16347 Sgt. H. Laseby, 2nd Batt. (Ashington)
„ 2227 Sgt. W. Oliver, 2nd Batt. (Lewes)
„ 2546 Sgt. B. Reeve, 2nd Batt. (Leicester)
„ 21433 Cpl. R. Anderson, 2nd Batt. (Darlington)
„ 235805 Cpl. R. Bell, 9th Batt. (Scarborough)
„ 27/60 Cpl. (Lce.-Sgt.) E. Bewick, 8th Batt. (Cullercoats)
„ 25219 Cpl. W. Cartledge, 1st Batt. (Bulwell)
„ 38969 Cpl. (Lce.-Sgt.) B. Cartwright, 9th Batt. (Edersingthorne)
„ 55445 Cpl. W. Charleton, 9th Batt. (Rothbury)
„ 201482 Cpl. J. Collie, 9th Batt. (Dundee)
„ 14563 Cpl. J. Davison, 2nd Batt. (Ashington)
„ 17649 Cpl. J. Farmer, 13th Batt. (Cross Bridgtown)
„ 28910 Cpl. D. J. Graham, 2nd Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 6838 Cpl. W. Griffiths, 3rd Batt. (West Hampton)
„ 3285 Cpl. (Lce.-Sgt.) W. Holloway, 2nd Batt. (Bethnal Green)
„ 29773 Cpl. J. Ingham, 2nd Batt. (Halifax)
No. 4870 Cpl. W. E. Longstaff, 2nd Batt. (Newbiggin-by-Sea)
„ 19/1350 Cpl. J. R. Lonsdale, 19th Batt. (Bishop Auckland)
„ 21357 Cpl. M. Marshall, 2nd Batt. (Ripon)
„ 38317 Cpl. F. Martin, 9th Batt. (Ryton-on-Tyne)
„ 59076 Cpl. R. Mase, 9th Batt. (Silverton)
„ 15116 Cpl. W. Scott, 2nd Batt. (Hartlepool)
„ 44301 Cpl. E. Shannon, 2nd Batt. (Halifax)
„ 19374 Cpl. (Lce.-Sgt.) J. Stott, 2nd Batt. (Ripponden)
„ 14835 Cpl. W. Towland, 10th Batt. (Spennymoor)
„ 35781 Cpl. W. R. Webster, 13th Batt. (Keighley)
„ 16722 Cpl. A. L. Weddell, 2nd Batt. (North Seaton)
„ 59858 Cpl. J. W. Wilkin, 9th Batt. (Corbridge)
„ 14788 Cpl. (Lce.-Sgt.) W. J. Yaxley, 9th Batt. (West Bridgford)
„ 62173 Pte. T. Bamber, 2nd Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 20454 Pte. F. Beaumont, 9th Batt. (Huddersfield)
„ 9030 Pte. (actg. Cpl.) J. Black, 1st Batt. (South Shields)
„ 30201 Pte. A. Bowmer, 2nd Batt. (Halifax)
„ 16575 Pte. J. Brooke, 2nd Batt. (Mappilwell)
„ 6839 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) G. Cotgrave, 2nd Batt. (Walsall)
„ 64565 Pte. J. Dent, 13th Batt. (Sunderland)
„ 40128 Pte. J. Drewery, 1st Batt. (Hebburn)
„ 3011 Pte. T. Fairhurst, 2nd Batt. ([E] Stockton)
„ 29738 Pte. T. Edmonton, 2nd Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 15372 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) S. L. Fell, 13th Batt. (Swindon)
„ 19218 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) C. H. Fellows, 1st Batt. (Walsall)
„ 27/151 Pte. R. Gragie, 2nd Batt. (Stocksfield)
„ 34188 Pte. G. W. Grant, 13th Batt. (Stocksfield)
„ 18567 Pte. W. Hall, 9th Batt. (Howden-on-Tyne)
„ 36645 Pte. C. Harris, 9th Batt. (Hinckley)
„ 205120 Pte. E. W. Hutchinson, 9th Batt. (Bishop Auckland)
„ 235871 Pte. R. Kay, 9th Batt. (Tanfield Lea)
„ 22/114 Pte. J. Legg, 9th Batt. (South Shields)
„ 4086 Pte. W. Lowes, 2nd Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 28845 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) T. McGee, 2nd Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 22494 Pte. H. Martin, 2nd Batt. (Market Weighton)
„ 59243 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) B. Middleton, 13th Batt. (W. Hartlepool)
„ 7888 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) J. Molloy, 2nd Batt. (West Hartlepool)
„ 44373 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) W. Nichols, 2nd Batt. (Idle)
„ 16309 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) T. Patchett, 9th Batt. (Bradford)
„ 62179 Pte. W. Pick, 2nd Batt. (Melton Mowbray)
„ 16903 Pte. C. H. Poole, 2nd Batt. (Sedgley)
„ 9568 Pte. F. Poole, 2nd Batt. (Newbury)
„ 79175 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) G. Rose, 2nd Batt. (Stone)
„ 265850 Pte. H. Rye, 2nd Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 60938 Pte. J. A. Shaw, 9th Batt. (Elland)
„ 31483 Pte. H. Sparks, 2nd Batt. (Todmorden)
„ 17/1028 Pte. G. Tate, 2nd Batt. (Dunston-on-Tyne)
„ 3/8553 Pte. J. Trett, 2nd Batt. (South Shields)
„ 9574 Pte. D. Troake, 2nd Batt. (Wellington)
„ 58101 Pte. W. Wesson, 2nd Batt. (Belper)

BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL.

EGYPT.

No. 11/10790 Pte. G. R. Williamson, M.M., 9th Batt. (Morpeth). (M.M. gazetted 23rd Aug., 1916)
„ 29798 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) F. Pearson, M.M., 9th Batt. (Bradford). (M.M. gazetted 7th Oct., 1918)

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

No. 238001 Pte. T. Arbuckle, 9th Batt. (Walker-on-Tyne)
„ 46159 Sgt. G. H. Ayton, 9th Batt. (Holloway)
„ 13466 Pte. W. E. Bartlett, 12/13th Batt. North. Fusrs., attd. 62nd T.M. Batty. (Wolverhampton)
„ 19/530 Sgt. A. W. Campbell, 19th Batt. (Aberfeldy)
„ 51277 Pte. J. Dodds, 9th Batt. (Durham)
„ 55845 Sgt. H. J. Edwards, 9th Batt. (Wandsworth)
„ 46358 Sgt. G. P. Herzog, 12/13th Batt. (now Depôt) (Brixton)
„ 290342 Sgt. E. Holmes, 1/7th Batt. (T.F.) (Carlisle)
„ 21283 Sgt. F. S. Lazenby, 22nd Batt. (Cullercoats)
„ 35705 Pte. G. H. Scott, 36th Batt. (Hull)
„ 360008 C.S.M. (actg. R.Q.M.S.) C. Tinsley, 22nd Batt. (Leicester)
„ 1538 Sgt. W. West, 2nd Batt. (Newcastle)

ITALY.

No. 13080 Sgt. A. Bagnall, M.M., 10th (Ser.) Batt. North. Fusrs. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 19999 Sgt. G. Taylor, 11th (Ser.) Batt. North. Fusrs. (Albrighton)

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

No. 202601 R.Q.M.S. H. S. Nicholson, 1st Batt. (Newcastle)
„ 21/1107 R.Q.M.S. H. A. Todd, 14th Batt. ([E] Newcastle)
„ 5792 C.S.M. J. Cochrane, 2nd Batt. (London, E.)
„ 65163 C.S.M. N. Hepworth, 1st Batt. (Huddersfield)
„ 9762 C.S.M. H. Moddy, 2nd Batt. (Basingstoke)
„ 17/463 C.S.M. G. C. Street, 17th Batt. (Felling-on-Tyne)
„ 19/1052 C.S.M. J. Whitton, Depôt (Gateshead)
„ 290032 C.Q.M.S. T. Cutter, 7th Batt. (Hirst)
„ 22/629 C.Q.M.S. W. H. Taylor, 22nd Batt. (Ashington)
„ 290485 C.Q.M.S. G. V. Trueman, 7th Batt. (Alnwick)
„ 1130 Sgt. A. Dobby, 1st Batt. (Harrogate)
„ 31973 Sgt. (actg. C.S.M.) B. Driscoll, 22nd Batt. (Eyeries, Co. Cork)
„ 6925 Sgt. G. Hall, 14th Batt. (North Shields)
„ B/2508 Sgt. J. R. Hastwell, 2nd Batt. (Walker-on-Tyne)
„ 341860 Sgt. J. W. Hughes, 36th Batt. (Ashby-de-la-Zouch)
„ 52362 Sgt. J. Kinnaird, 36th Batt. (Belfast)
„ 16/674 Sgt. I. L. Lawrenson, 19th Batt. (Romsey)
„ 17/544 Sgt. I. Moore, 17th Batt. (Hull)
„ 8/16422 Sgt. H. B. Naisby, 8th Batt. (Ashington)
„ 290131 Sgt. E. A. Robson, 7th Batt. (Ryton-on-Tyne)
„ 18946 Sgt. (actg. R.Q.M.S.) E. Wood, 14th Batt. (Gosforth)
„ 28/497 Sgt. T. H. Wordingham, 17th Batt. (Ryton-on-Tyne)
„ 16/1510 Cpl. (actg. Q.M.S.) W. T. Britton, 13th Batt. (Stockton-on-Tees)
„ 19/1120 Cpl. T. J. Brownbridge, 19th Batt. (Hetton-le-Hole)
„ 9352 Cpl. (Lce.-Sgt.) H. Stannard, Depôt (Ipswich)
„ 38512 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) G. Brown, 14th Batt. (North Shields)
„ 12307 Pte. J. Henderson, 9th Batt. (South Shields)
„ 47429 Pte. (actg. Sgt.) W. J. Higgins, 11th Batt. (London Green)
„ 12238 Pte. (actg. Cpl.) E. Milburn, 9th Batt. (Leeds)
„ 242904 Pte. (actg. Cpl.) A. H. G. Neale, 1st Batt. (Dorset)
„ 242152 Pte. W. Woollen, 7th Batt. (Sheffield)

ITALY.

No. 15918 Sgt. H. Coates, M.M., 10th Batt. (Fernybeds)
„ 15168 Pte. E. McFarlane, 11th Batt. (Nottingham)
„ 7012 Sgt. R. P. Murdy, 10th Batt. (Blyth)
„ 11260 Pte. J. Beck, 11th Batt. (New Hartley)
„ 28/702 Pte. J. Brown, 11th Batt. (Heaton)

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No. 55640 Pte. L. Arkless, 10th Batt.
„ 36566 Pte. G. H. Blackmore, 11th Batt.
„ 15977 C.Q.M.S. C. E. Cable, 11th Batt.
„ 1356 Sgt. W. Girdlestone, M.M., 11th Batt., attd. 68th T.M. Batty.
„ 40268 Pte. J. McGuinness, 10th Batt.
„ 283 Pte. J. J. Seery, 11th Batt.
„ 27202 Pte. (actg. Lce.-Cpl.) L. Shenton, 3rd Batt.
„ 19938 Cpl. J. Smith, 11th Batt.
„ 7751 Sgt. J. T. Winter, 10th Batt.

MESOPOTAMIA.

No. 23373 Lce.-Cpl. R. J. Craig, 2nd (Garr.) Batt. North. Fusrs.

VICTORIA CROSS.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE,
14th June, 1919.

The King held an Investiture in the Quadrangle of the Palace at 11 o'clock this morning.

His Majesty decorated the following with the Victoria Cross:—

2nd-Lieut. James Johnson, Northumberland Fusiliers.—For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty south-west of Wez Macquart on the morning of the 14th October, 1918, during operations by strong patrols.

He repelled frequent counter-attacks, and for six hours under heavy fire he held back the enemy. When at length he was ordered to retire he was the last to leave the advanced position, carrying a wounded man. Three times subsequently this officer returned and brought in badly wounded men under intense enemy machine-gun fire. His valour, cheerfulness, and utter disregard of danger inspired all.

Regimental Notes.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

The Cadre of the 2nd Battalion arrived at Catterick on the 10th June, after a civic reception at Newcastle-on-Tyne. Lieut.-Col. Hardman Jones was in command; the other Officers were Maj. W. W. Allan, O.B.E., Capt. and Adjt. W. Patterson and Lieut. W. H. Griffiths.

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The Cadre at once coalesced with the Field Service Details, so that now we are a Battalion of no small dimensions, although the scarcity of Officers is still felt; especially as such jobs as Messing Officer, Fire Officer, Agricultural Officer, etc., have to be filled.

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We heartily welcome Lieut.-Col. E. M. Moulton-Barrett, D.S.O., who arrived on the 17th June and assumed command.

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The Battalion is now over 500 strong and the parade ground is a scene of much movement so that before long we should be in a state of the highest efficiency and more than ready for another war with anybody.

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The following Officers have arrived during the month from leave, etc.:—

Capt. G. E. Fenwick, M.C.	2nd-Lieut. H. B. Goult
Lieut. C. H. Cooper, M.C.	„ F. Brown
Lieut. E. H. D. Grimley	„ C. Elders
Lieut. D. Scott, M.C.	„ H. A. Ingledew

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Maj. W. M. Allan, O.B.E., has left us to go on leave before commencing duties elsewhere. All remaining old Fusiliers will miss him after so many years with the Battalion.

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We are still uncertain as to our final destination abroad or even as to which Officers will be lucky enough to go with the Battalion; but the men have already commenced to be equipped for a hot climate as we have had instructions to indent immediately for shoes, gymnasium, pairs one per man, so matters are moving!

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Perhaps before the next notes are written our fate will have been decided by the powers that be—anyhow, let us hope so.

G.J.W.G.

2ND BATTALION (OLD UNIT).

CATTERICK,
22nd June, 1919.

These notes will be the last to be sent by the old 2nd Battalion correspondent on the incorporation of the old Battalion with the new at "T" Lines, Scotton Camp, Catterick, and after humbly performing this task your correspondent lays down his pencil with considerable feelings of regret and trusts that an abler pen will carry on.

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The last days of our stay at Wargnies Le Grand were spent very quietly. A certain amount of sport was indulged in,

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On the 21st a team from the 1st and 2nd Battalions played a match with the Officers of Wargnies Le Petit Garrison but we managed to score 110 runs against their 57. On the 30th the 1st Battalion challenged us to a game, but they beat us by 16.

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At 1.30 a.m. on the 23rd The White Chateau, occupied by the 1st Battalion, was destroyed by fire but fortunately all the men were able to get clear of the building before the fire enveloped the staircase. No fire engine was available and nothing could be done to save the building from being "gutted."

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On the 27th the Corps held a picnic at Hackett Bridge, on the Southern fringe of the Normal Forest. A contingent from the 1st and 2nd Battalions was conveyed there in lorries. The weather was fine but cooler than it had been the week previously, but a pleasant time was spent, there being various amusements arranged.

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On the 29th some Officers of the 1st and 2nd Battalions proceeded to Valenciennes to see the Corps Play, "Here, There and Everywhere," at the theatre, and were conveyed by lorry. The same afternoon we were delighted to meet Mrs. Hardman Jones, having just arrived at Valenciennes on a visit, and in the few following days was able to visit some interesting parts of the battlefield which both Battalions have cause to remember.

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On the evening of the 30th we received a wire informing us of our early departure for Aintree. We confess we were much puzzled at this order instead of our Depôt or Catterick.

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On the 1st we were all feverishly busy packing up in view of an early departure next morning.

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On the morning of the 2nd there was no late falling in for parade, and it was with cheerful and happy feeling the Battalion stepped off behind the Band of the 1st Battalion which kindly played us out of Wargnies Le Grand.

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We left at 08.45 hours and the troop train was due to leave Le Quesnoy at 13.00 hours but it did not get away till 16.30 hours.

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Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., came to see us off and stayed till the afternoon.

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The accommodation provided on the train in which we spent the night for both officers and men was the same as provided for horses. There were the Cadres of the 446th Coy. R.E., 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers, the 2nd Dublin Fusiliers and 1/1st Northumbrian Field Ambulance on the train with us.

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Col. A. C. Hardman Jones remained behind with the Division Headquarters for two or three days, and met us again at Newcastle after our arrival.

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The following Officers accompanied the Cadre:—Maj. W. M. Allan, O.B.E. (Commanding), Capt. W. Pattison, Adjt. and Lieut. W. H. Griffiths, M.C., 4 Warrant Officers and 52 men.

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Havre was reached at 16.30 hrs. but, as the arrangements there as regards transport for our baggage were bad, all the Cadres were kept waiting about for some hours, and this after travelling all night in trucks did not tend to keep us pleasant. After all the years of war one would have thought that we had learned something of organisation but it seemed to us to be a case of dis-organisation. We had to march about eight kilos to camp and on the way we passed some 50 or 60 lorries parked alongside the road and we wondered why some of them could not have been used to convey us to our Camp. We reached Camp just on 21.00 hours. There we found the arrangements excellent and the men well looked after.

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On the 4th we were busy passing through the elaborate system of bathing and delousing, and after turning out "spick and span" we moved to the embarkation camp to await orders.

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It was not till 09.00 hrs. on the 7th we received orders to march at 12.45 hrs., reaching the Docks at 14.30 hrs. only to find the "Transport" had not arrived. In the meantime the men had tea at the Y.M.C.A. Hut. At about 17.00 hours our Transport hove in sight and when she drew alongside the Quay we were pleased to welcome the "St. George;" a very fitting mark of homage to us. It did not take us long to get on board and "chuck" our kits off and then look for the best spot. We sailed from fair France at 18.00 hours and very soon her shores faded from our view.

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Our thoughts carried us back to the day in mid January, 1915, when the old Battalion approached Harve and to our landing there, and then to the contrast of our departure. On this occasion there were returning with the Cadre only five of the original Battalion which went out to France in 1915, *i.e.*, Maj. and Qrmr. W. M. Allan, O.B.E., Capt. W. Pattison (who gained his commission with the Battalion), R.Q.M.S. J. Vernon, C.S.M. W. Mower and Pte. E. Walsh.

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After an uneventful night at sea we awoke next morning to find ourselves in Southampton waters. At 07.30 hours we dropped anchor and after taking on the pilot we soon drew alongside our berth and landed at 08.00 hours.

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We marched to another dock where we found the vessel which brought our baggage. We were disappointed to find our baggage in the bottom hold and the upper hold filled with wagons and guns, and the powers that ruled there decided not to unload till next day. We, however, were sent off without our baggage and 14 days after we were still waiting at Catterick for it to turn up. Such is the improvement in despatch after five years' experience of war.

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We marched to the Dock Station and left by the mid-day train soon after detraining at Eastleigh where we waited two hours for a train to take us on to Waterloo. At Waterloo the men all had tea at the Y.M.C.A. Hostel. The Cadre then "tubed" to King's Cross. Here we had a

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wait of two hours. At 20.25 hours our train at last drew out of King's Cross and conveyed us on our journey North. Newcastle was reached at 03.15 on Monday, the 9th. Capt. F. Price met us.

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The whole idea of taking us to Newcastle was, we believe, to give us a Civic Reception on our arrival, but so wonderful are the ways of our R.T.O.'s, it is supposed they expected the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, Mace-bearers and the general public all to be up and doing their duty at that hour. What happened? Some sleepy, weary soldiers with their Colours crept into Newcastle practically unnoticed.

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However, the Mayor was not unmindful of our needs, as breakfast had been arranged at the Y.M.C.A. Hostel, while the Officers were his guests at the County Hotel.

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The Cadre marched to Barracks and deposited the Colours in the Officers' Mess, and the men accommodated in the Gymnasium.

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Col. A. C. Hardman Jones, who had preceded the Cadre, and Maj. W. M. Allan were guests at the dinner given to the Officers of the Tyneside Scottish (who had reached Newcastle the morning preceding our arrival) by Col. Sir Thomas Oliver. The Lord Mayor was present also.

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The following afternoon the Cadres of 2nd Battalion and 22nd Battalion were the guests of the Lord Mayor, who received them at the Y.M.C.A. Hostel where tea was provided and complimentary speeches made. At the conclusion both Cadres marched to the station and left at 07.25 hours for Catterick, and at 21.30 hours the old 2nd Battalion merged into the new.

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We are very grateful to the Lord Mayor for his thoughtfulness and kindness in seeing to our comforts and for his hospitality during our brief stay in Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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Here your present contributor must lay down his pen and allow new blood to carry on and keep the *St. George's Gazette* informed of the doings of the Battalion.

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Maj. and Qrmr. W. M. Allan, after 15 years' service with the 2nd Battalion, proceeds to the Depôt for duty on the expiration of his well earned holiday.

3rd BATTALION NOTES.

No. 13 Camp,
Durrington,
25th June, 1919.

On the 27th May the G.-O.-C.-in-C. Southern Command, Sir Henry Sclater, made his farewell inspection of the Brigade at a Ceremonial Parade on the Brigade Parade Ground. The Battalion led the Brigade past and was congratulated on all hands on its smartness and steadiness.

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On Sunday, 1st June, the Brigadier presented 1914 Stars to N.C.O.'s and men who had not already received them.

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On Tuesday, 3rd June, the new G.-O.-C.-in-C. Southern Command, Sir Frederick Harper, visited the Battalion. On the same day the Transport was inspected by the Inspecting Officer, A.S.C., who pronounced it "lengths ahead of the other units in condition and smartness of animals, vehicles and equipment."

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Company training has now succeeded the annual Musketry Course as our chief occupation and the neighbouring plain resounds to the crackle of "blank" and the victorious cries of the captors of strong points, etc., who a few months ago were "carrying out the exercise" in grim earnest and to the discomfiture of "Jerry."

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Capt. Buckley paid us a flying visit the other day and brought a full account of the memorable FIFTH dinner, at Cologne, on the 22nd April.

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Capt. Reed, our old Gas Officer, has returned and once more assumed his onerous and malodorous duties, and Capt. Ellison has also rejoined and promises to be a valuable addition to the bowling strength of our 1st XI.

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Cricket is going strong both as to Company and Battalion matches. The following is the result of our Battalion matches up-to-date:—

May 10th—New Zealand E.F., at Larkhill, lost by 1 run.
„ 24th—Amesbury C.C., at Amesbury, won by 76 runs.
„ 31st—Durrington C.C., at Durrington, won by 72 runs.
June 7th—New Zealand E.F., at Battalion Ground, won by 23 runs.
„ 14th—Amesbury C.C., at Battalion Ground, won by 43 runs.
„ 13th—New Zealand E.F., at Larkhill, won by 30 runs.
„ 21st—R.M.A. Cadets, at Battalion Ground, won by 44 runs.

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Runners and War-Tuggers are hard at work training for the Brigade Sports, which take place at Larkhill on the 17th July. Entries are numerous for all events and the Battalion should render a good account of itself.

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Sergt. Slater has arrived and taken over charge of the Drums and our departures include C.Q.M.S. Darcy and Sgt. Dray (Master Cook) to both of whom we all wish the best of luck in civil life.

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The Sergeants gave a very successful dance on Thursday, 12th June, and the members of Q.M.A.A.C., who have been the mainstay of every dance since the Brigade was formed, made their farewell appearance as partners. They will be difficult to replace, and Salisbury Plain will be the plainer for their absence!

C.P.H.

DEPOT NOTES.

Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.
25th May, 1919.

The Depôt has been kept busy during the month receiving the Cadres and Colour Parties of the 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 22nd, 23rd and 25th Battalions. When possible the Cadre was met at the Central Station and given a civic welcome by the Lord Mayor, but this was not practicable in every case, as some of them displayed a proclivity for arriving in the small hours of the morning.

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The 2nd Battalion Cadre only stayed with us for three days, and then went to join the 2nd Battalion Nucleus at Catterick.

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The 1st Battalion arrived at 05.00 hrs. on the 25th, and it is said that this is the first time the 1st Battalion has been stationed North of Colchester.

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At the beginning of the month the W.A.A.C.'s left us. Some of them had been working in the Orderly Room or the Mess for a considerable time, and they have been found very difficult to replace.

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Capt. Scanlan left us on the 20th for duty with No. 5 District, and Lieut. Price and 2nd-Lieut. Fryer have joined.

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The Races are being run at Gosforth Park for the first time since 1914. Everyone is at present very keen on racing, but it remains to be seen whether they are as keen at the end of the week as they are now.

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"Jock" Wilson, now Lieut.-Col. Wilson, D.S.O., Recruiting Officer at York, and Maj. Roger Lamb, D.S.O., have both paid us visits at the Depôt during the past month.

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The Morpeth and Tynedale Hunts have both held their Annual Tennis Tournament and played at Angerton, Mr. Straker's beautiful home near Morpeth. The result was a win for the Tynedale Hunt.

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The only representatives of this mess who took part were Maj. Auld and our Doctor (Capt. Paris) who both played for the Tynedale. Capt. Chalmers, D.L.I., was to have played for the Morpeth but was prevented owing to his having to play in the finals of the Newcastle Tournament.

9TH BATTALION NOTES.

MARTIN EGLISE,
20th June, 1919.

The situation with us just now is normal, though a few Sundays ago there was Breeze "Right Up" when two Companies were decked up in all their war paint, and dark figures moved about the Parade Grounds, whilst in candle light field dressings, and all that spells "War" were being issued to the troops, and lorries "Stood To." Was it the breaking of the Armistice Terms? No! Just a few Chinks had made themselves unpleasant with some native troops, and we were to go and put things right again, but much to the disappointment of all concerned our services were not required.

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Six more Officers have left us for demobilisation during the past month their names being:—Capt. Bowman, M.C., Lieut. Black, 2nd-Lieuts. A. Hillary, R. Woods, L. Toon and Graham.

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Of this number two are "Originals" of the Battalion, 2nd-Lieuts. Hillary and Woods having both been in the ranks in B Coy. The former having now successfully "demobbed" himself ceases to exist as a "Demobilisation Officer," whilst "Timber" Woods, our very energetic and painstaking P.M.C. Lieut., and in fact, General Utility Officer though gone, is not forgotten.

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Capt. Bowman, M.C., who joined us with Capt. Knott, M.C., though not a "Fusilier" very quickly initiated himself into our ways, and his assistance at our concerts and musical evenings was very much appreciated and greatly valued.

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The strength of the Battalion continues to increase, reinforcements arriving almost daily, and one has known the time when a Battalion has marched up the Line with a strength under that of one of our present Companies.

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The latest addition to our Educational Classes are those of carpentry, piano and violin, whilst our Sports Programme comprises every conceivable game in existence.

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The Officers have now started a Reading Class, and hope to produce shortly the comedy entitled "She Stoops to Conquer."

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The finish of the Football League resulted in B Coy. taking first place, whilst D Coy. were a near second, a point or two only depriving them of this position.

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However, this Company are expecting big results from the new Inter-Company and Platoon Knock Out Competition. Cricket is now in full swing, C Coy. having already played and beaten B Coy., and D Coy. have also beaten B Coy.

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During the past month several men from our Battalion entered for the open events at the R.O.A.D. sports at Rouxmesine and we must congratulate Pte. T. Scott, of D Coy., in putting up a good show in the 100 yds., also Pte. Fielding.

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The great event of the past month, however, was a boxing tournament held under the Patronage of the Brigadier-General and our Colonel.

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A very large number of events took place, and the general impression was that some interesting developments in this may be looked for. The prizes were afterwards presented to the winners by the Colonel at one of the weekly Batt. Whist Drives, and as a result of this show boxing classes have commenced and are held on four evenings in the week.

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The Dieppe Sports are engaging our energies just now, over 100 men from the Battalion having entered for events varying from a bare-back mule race to a slow bicycle race, but more about this next month.

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Our Battalion Tug-of-War Team having already pulled against four teams and beat them all is now "sweating" on representing the L. of C. Troops in the Olympia Contest at London, and next month we hope to be able to publish this good news.

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As I pen these notes weird noises float through the air—

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it is not a Chink's War Dance. No, our Sergeants' Mess Jazz Band, under its very able Conductor, Sgt. Tallant, and merely having a rehearsal.

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We wind up our notes for this month by offering our Commanding Officer our very hearty congratulations on his winning the D.S.O.

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Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
30th June, 1919.

We have to offer our congratulations to two 5th Fusilier Officers, namely, our Colonel-in-Chief, Maj.-Gen. Sir Percy Wilkinson and Maj. Gen. H. L. Shoubridge, on their appointment to Command two of the new Territorial Divisions. Gen. Sir Percy Wilkinson is to Command the Northumbrian Division once again and will no doubt be as pleased to see his old friends as they will be to see their old Commander back again. Gen. Shoubridge goes to Lancashire and we wish him every fortune among the "lads" of that county.

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Among the letters to the Editor will be found one from Maj. H. C. Stephen which we feel sure will interest all Fifth Fusilier Officers. To Maj. Stephen, and those Officers who with him guaranteed the sum necessary for the erection of the window, we consider a debt of gratitude is owing for their promptness, in securing for the Regiment, so appropriate an opportunity for commemorating the everlasting memory of our fallen comrades. Future generations of Fifth Fusiliers will join the Regiment having already learned from this window something of the part that the FIFTH played in the great fight, the final scene of which is now, even as we write these lines, being enacted at Versailles, where the (reputed) representatives of the nation, the defeat of which cost us the lives of so many whose names we honour, are placing their signatures to the treaty which we hope is to prevent for ever the recurrence of the crime of 1914.

Subscriptions to the Sandhurst Memorial Window Fund should be sent to Maj. B. T. St. John at

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
Near Wallingford.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Capt. M. Barwick, Scots Greys
Lieut. W. M. Bowlar
Capt. Boyle
Lieut. J. M. F. Craven
Capt. W. M. Dodd
2nd-Lieut. R. C. Elliott
Lieut. W. H. Fay
Lieut.-Col. Gathorne Hardy, D.S.O.
2nd-Lieut. W. Harvey
2nd-Lieut. J. Hanley
Lieut. E. Jeffrys
Mrs. Jones
Miss E. G. Johnstone
2nd-Lieut. C. H. Mitchell
Lieut.-Col. G. Reavell
2nd-Lieut. F. W. Ridley
Maj. T. F. M. Smart
Lieut. W. Smart
2nd-Lieut. L. Steedman
Capt. Clive Smith
Capt. W. H. Wynnsford

Subscriptions are due from the following during July:—

Mrs. Passingham
Maj. W. Anderson, M.C.
Miss E. Edlmann
Mr. W. Fuller
Mr. J. Hoolihan
2nd-Lieut. T. C. V. Holmes
Mrs. R. Kell
Mrs. E. A. Leather
Capt. T. Oakshott
Mrs. C. E. Walker
Maj. G. E. Wilkinson, M.C.
Mrs. Wilkinson
Sgt. Nelson
The Rev. R. H. Royse
Lieut. and Qrmr. J. W. White
J. G. Dixon, Esq., J.P.
Capt. S. H. King
D. Marjoribanks, Esq.

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We welcome the return of the 2nd Battalion to this country, though it came at Cadre strength only. Had we known it was passing through London we would have made great efforts to welcome it in person. Apparently the journey was completed in the true pre-war style. Baggage on one ship, troops on another, and the Officers' lunch basket at the bottom of the hold!! Anyway, here's to them.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES.

MR. DONALD WILLIAMS AND MRS. GATEHOUSE.

A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Donald Williams, son of Mr. John Richard Williams, of Westhanger, Godalming, and Buenos Aires, and Evelyn May, widow of Capt. Richard F. Gatehouse, 5th Fusiliers, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Gardom, of Longfield Cottage, Tadworth.

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LIEUT.-COL. H. ST. GEORGE EAGAR AND LADY DORIS BLACKWOOD.

A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Lieut.-Col. H. St. George Eagar, M.C., Lincolnshire Regiment, second son of the late Capt. E. B. Eagar, 5th Fusiliers, and Mrs. Edward Franks, of Bishop's Cleeve, Gloucestershire, and Lady Doris Blackwood, eldest daughter of the late Marquess of Dufferin and Ava and Flora Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava.

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MR. A. M. BLACK, D.S.O., AND MRS. SIMOND.

A marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place between Alexander MacGregor Black, D.S.O. (late tempy. Major, Northumberland Fusiliers), and May, widow of Septimus Duncan Simond.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE LIEUT.-COL. J. R. HEDLEY, D.S.O.

A special service was held in the Parish Church, Hornsea, on Thursday afternoon, 24th April, 1919, when a beautiful stained glass window, erected to the memory of Lieut.-Col. J. R. Hedley, D.S.O., was unveiled and dedicated. At the outbreak of the war Lieut.-Col. John Ralph Hedley was in the 6th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers (Territorials) and he went out as second-in-command of the 6th Battalion, with whom he served for some time, and was then placed in command of the 5th Border Regiment. He died in Flanders on the 15th July, 1917, at the age of 46 years. He was well known and respected.

The window which is situate on the South Side of the Church, in the Lady Chapel, has been designed and erected by the well known artist, Percy C. Bacon, London. The central figure is of St. George in armour, with his heel

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on the Dragon, and at the foot of the centre panel is the badge of the Northumberland Fusiliers. The left panel is the symbolic figure of "Courage," and the right panel that of "Victory." The words "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends," appears at the top of the window, and the Masonic Symbol, and the 5th Border Regiment Badge are also inserted. The inscription reads "In proud and loving memory of John Ralph Hedley, Lieut.-Colonel, D.S.O., 6th Northumberland Fusiliers, Commanding 5th Border Regiment. Died in Flanders, 15th July, 1917, aged 46. Erected by his wife and children."

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Harrington), and the lesson was read by Col. the Rev. Canon Crawhall, D.S.O. (T.D.), after which the clergy proceeded to the window which was unveiled and dedicated by the Rev. Canon Crawhall.

The service concluded with the National Anthem.

The following brother officers were present:—

Lieut.-Col. E. Pinkney, D.S.O., R.A.S.C.
Maj. J. L. Lovibond, 6th Batt. North. Fusrs.
Maj. G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., 6th Batt. North. Fusrs.
Maj. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., 6th Batt. North. Fusrs.
Capt. G. Richardson.

THE REGIMENTAL DINNER.

By T. S.

The 5th June, 1919, will stand out among red letter days for a long time to come. At least this is the case as regards the mind of the writer who believes that his feelings in the matter are shared by all of the 67 other 5th Fusiliers, old and new, who assembled at the Imperial Restaurant (Oddenino's) for the first Regimental Dinner held since the outbreak of war. No doubt there came to most of us, at some odd moments, thoughts and memories of those who have "gone over" and perhaps one secretly coupled the toast of Absent Friends with more than the "quick" as represented by the 1st and 2nd Battalions, but the predominating note of the evening was one of joyous reunion. I, for one, certainly found the three hours much too short. A handshake and a few words are something, but after so many years there is so much to say and time went all too fast. The dinner itself was all that could have been desired by the greatest of pre-war gourmets. More power to whoever ordered it and to the Mr. Oddenino of the day who produced it. Two toasts were given by the Colonel of the Regiment—"The Loyal Toast" and "Absent Friends." With the latter of these he coupled the names of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, it being the first occasion upon which a Regimental dinner was held with both line Battalions abroad.

The following Officers were present:—

Maj.-Gen. Sir Percy Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B.; Maj.-Gen. H. Shoubridge, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; Maj.-Gen. T. D. Pilcher, C.B.

Brig.-Gens. C. H. L. James, G. L. Herbert Armstrong, The Hon. C. Lambton, D.S.O., W. Sitwell, C.B., D.S.O., C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O., F. Festing, C.B., C.M.G.

Brig.-Surgeon F. Collins.

Cols. D. Sapte and C. G. Heathcote.

Lieut.-Cols. W. H. Wild, D.S.O., W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., G. Hart Dyke, W. S. Darley, J. M. Bonham Carter, H. S. Ainslie, C.M.G., A. Landen, D.S.O., M. O'Brien, M.V.O., D.S.O., J. M. Bett, E. M. Gordon, C.B., D.S.O., and A. C. Temperley.

Majs. A. F. Douglas, B. T. St. John, A. LeGallais, G. C. Holderness, C. G. Maude, F. B. Morley, H. L. Ovans, H. C. Stephens, R. M. Lamb, D.S.O., B. W. E. Gething, R. Auld, K. G. Williams, B. E. Hervey Bathurst, C. E. Thornton, R. M. Booth, D.S.O., C. G. Shiel, M.C., F. R. I. Athill, C.M.G., St. John Montagu, W. Platt, D.S.O.

Capts. T. A. Oakshott, M.C., C. T. S. Cogan, F. B. Corbet-Singleton, E. G. M. Buckley, G. Thorneycroft, M.C., J. E. Bennett, R. H. Hoffman, D. E. Waight, B. E. Mahon, E. H. Baxter, H. O. Sutherland and A. P. Garnier.

Lieuts. D. A. Wardle, B. R. Newstead, W. Watson, J. D. Taylor, T. Sanderson, A. Woodhead, M.C., C. B. Andrews and T. Jordine, M.C.

2nd-Lieuts. J. Horton, G. C. Humphreys, P. R. H. Thurston, H. Brough and A. Prince.

Letters to the Editor.

WAR GRAVES.

Barton Place,
Exeter,
May, 1919.

To The Editor, *St. George's Gazette*.

Sir,—Will you of your kindness allow me to tell your readers of a petition Lady Kennedy and I have been organising to the President of the Graves Commission asking for reconsideration of various points connected with their scheme for War Graves?

The Commission propose to remove all the crosses erected by the Regiments to their Officers and men and to put instead a uniform headstone.

The question is still under discussion and obviously it is a matter which deeply concerns the relatives of the men, who often treasure photographs of the graves as they now are.

The Commission have asked for suggestions; this is ours, namely that all should have complete liberty of choice with regard to their memorials and inscriptions, subject of course to reasonable restrictions of size. We should welcome a variety of designs, including particularly a perpetuation of the crosses erected by comrades.

In order to give the Government an opportunity of judging what is the general opinion, I should be most grateful if any of your readers who feel as we do will communicate with me at once on the subject.

I venture to take the liberty of asking you to publish this letter in your journal as I am certain it is widely read by the relatives of the fallen.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
(Lady) Florence Cecil.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

Camberley,
22nd June, 1919.

To The Editor, *St. George's Gazette*.

Dear Sir,

No doubt many of your readers are aware that it has been decided to enlarge the Chapel at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, to meet the necessity for increased accommodation due to the increased number of Gentlemen Cadets. It has also been decided that the enlargement shall be built as a War Memorial to those Officers who have fallen and who were formerly Gentlemen Cadets.

When I was recently an instructor at the College I took a great interest in this Chapel. An idea in the carrying out of the design of the new Chapel is that the various

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architectural features such as windows, pillars, etc., should be subscribed for by those connected with the various Regiments and dedicated to the memory of the fallen Officers of those Regiments.

One feature of the design is that the lights of the Chancel, of which there are four, are to represent the four Patron Saints of the British Isles. It naturally at once occurred to me that the window representing St. George should be dedicated to the memory of the many gallant Fifth Fusiliers who have fallen and who were at Sandhurst either as Cadets or Instructors, and I approached the Executive with a view to securing an option on this window for the Regiment until such time as it was possible to consult representative members of the Regiment. Unfortunately as time was limited and other Regiments were negotiating to be allowed to erect this particular window, this plan of mine was impossible. I therefore consulted a few senior Officers of the Regiment who were fortunately accessible and between us we put up the necessary guarantees and reserved the St. George window for dedication to the memory of Fifth Fusilier Officers. Since then I have talked about the scheme with Sir Percy Wilkinson and many other Officers of the Regiment who all expressed to me their approval of the plan. I have also interviewed the Architect who is arranging with the Window Designing Artist for him to design a St. George which will in every way be a regimentally correct picture of our Patron Saint.

The names of the fallen will be inscribed beneath the window under the Regimental Crest.

The cost of the window will be about £350 to £400 and a fund is being opened to collect subscriptions to cover this amount which has, as I have said, been guaranteed by a few officers.

Maj. B. T. St. John has consented to act as Hon. Treasurer to this fund and subscriptions should be sent to him at:—

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
Near Wallingford.

I am, etc.,
Yours truly,
H. C. Stephen,
Major, 5th Fusiliers.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS' AID SOCIETY.

8, Higham Place,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

To The Editor, *St. George's Gazette.*

Dear Sir,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions and donations received between the 1st April and the 30th June as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Central Prisoners of War Committee	50	0	0
Maj. F. A. Cubitt	2	2	0
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Yours very truly,
J. M. Bett, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary and Treasurer.

THE INFANTRYMAN.

(Reprinted from *The Morning Post.*)

The Gunner rides on horseback, he lives in luxury,
The Sapper has his dug-out as "cushy" as can be,
The Flying man's a sportsman, but he lives a long way back,
In painted tent, or strawspread barn, or cosy little shack.
Sapper and Gunner and Flying man, each to his job say I,
Have tickled the Hun with mine or gun, or bombed him from on high,
But the quiet work—and the dirty work—since ever the War began,
Is the work that never shows at all—the work of the Infantryman.

The guns can pound the Village and smash the trenches in,
And the Hun is fain for home again when the T.M.B.'s begin,
And the Vickers gun is a useful one to sweep a parapet,
But the real work is the work that's done with bomb and bayonet.
Load him down from heel to crown, with tools and grub and kit,
He's always there where the fighting is—he's there unless he's hit.
Over the mud and the blasted earth, he goes where the living can,
He's in at the death, while he yet has breath, the British Infantryman.

Trudge and slip on the shell hole's lip, and fall in the clinging mire,
"Steady in front"—"Go steady"—"Close up there"—"Mind the wire"—
"Double behind where the pathway winds"—"Jump clear of the ditch"—"Jump clear,"
"Lost touch at the back?" "Then halt in front and duck when the shells come near,"
Carrying parties all night long, all day in a muddy trench,
With your feet in the wet and your head in the rain, and the sodden khaki stench,
Then "over the top" in the morning, and onwards all you can,
This is the work that wins the War—the work of the Infantryman.

The following casualties, taken from War Office lists, have regretfully to be recorded:—

W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s AND MEN.

Died of Wounds.

No. 47991	R. Adams (Dublin)	No. 66853	F. C. Herbert (Barwell)
„ 200092	Lce.-Sgt. M. Allcroft (Tynemouth)	„ 66890	J. Parker (West Hartlepool)
„ 1109	D. Beck (Newcastle-on-Tyne)	„ 55316	W. Stuttard (Tadcaster)
„ 56089	G. Brough (Dundee)	„ 56039	J. Walsh (Darwen)
„ 37532	Cpl. T. Brown (Bedworth)	„ 47664	H. J. Allen (Thornton Heath)
„ 898	Lce.-Cpl. E. Coulthard (Seghill)	„ 9042	A. Barmby (Hull)
„ 235675	Lce.-Cpl. L. Forster (Darlington)	„ 41122	J. C. Brown (Broadheath)
„ 369	T. Gibson (Newbiggin-by-Sea)	„ 69737	J. H. Cockrill (Thornaby-on-Tees)
„ 222106	W. Hatch (Norwich)	„ 945	R. W. Cuthbert (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 60847	F. A. Horsman (Leeds)		

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MARRIAGE.

WILLIAMS—GATEHOUSE.—On the 25th July, 1919, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, by the Rev. A. J. Wethered, assisted by the Rev. A. O. Tisdall, Donald Williams, son of Mr. J. R. Williams, Westhanger, Godalming, and of Buenos Aires, to Evelyn May, widow of Capt. Richard F. Gatehouse, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gardom, Longfield Cottage, Tadworth.

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

COMMAND AND STAFF.

The following Maj.-Gen. to cmnd. Division of T.F.:—T. H. Shoubridge, C.G., C.M.G., D.S.O. (dated 4th June).

G.S.O.'s, 2ND GRADE.—Bt. Maj. J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., North. Fusrs. (dated 4th Feby.).

The following relinquish their appointments:—

PERSONAL STAFF.

Lieut. L. Edwards, 7th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F. (dated 21st May).

The date of the appointment of Capt. A. B. Thompson, 6th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F., is 5th March, and not as in *Gazette* of 7th June.

The following relinquish their appointments:—

ATTD. TO HEADQUARTER UNITS.

STAFF CAPT.—Tempy. Capt. W. Lunn, North. Fusrs. (dated 17th June).

G.S.O.'s, 3RD GRADE.—Capt. C. Chipper, M.C., North. Fusrs., from a Brig.-Maj. (dated 7th April).

DIR. MIN. OF MUNITIONS (CL. E).—Maj. H. Luhrs, C.M.G., 5th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F., relinquishes his appt. and the tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. (dated 31st March) (substituted for notification in *Gazette* 5th June).

NORTH. FUSRS.—Tempy. Capt. C. Rowell relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 22nd May), and is granted the rank of Maj. (substituted for *Gazette* notification 21st May); tempy. Lieut. G. H. Lowther relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 13th July), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. (tempy. Capt.) (while spec. emplyd.) T. F. Hedley, from Gen. List, to be tempy. Lieut. (with seniority from 1st July, 1917), and retains present appointment and tempy. rank of Capt. (dated 12th May).

The following tempy. appointment is made at the War Office:—G.S.O., 2ND GRADE.—Bt.-Maj. C. E. Lembcke, D.S.O., North. Fusrs., *vice* Maj. F. G. Poole, D.S.O., Midd'x. Regt. (dated 23rd June).

The following relinquishes his appointment:—

CL. II.—Lieut. W. E. Rose, 6th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F. (dated 11th April).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. E. B. Gordon, D.S.O., retires on retired pay (dated 26th July).

Tempy. Capt. A. W. Muir, D.S.O., M.C., Serv. Batt., relinquishes the actg. rank of Maj. (dated 9th May); Capt. M. Blackett-Ord is placed on the h.p. list on account of ill-health (dated 10th July).

Lieut. C. R. M. Greenfield resigns his commsn. (dated 29th June).

2nd-Lieut. E. J. Halliday, D.C.M., retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 2nd July).

SPECIAL RESERVE.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

2nd-Lieuts. to be Lieuts.:—R. Brown, K. McN. Phillips, W. O. Burton, M.C., W. H. Butcher, J. Hornby, L. W. Loadman (dated 30th April); J. J. Bell, T. W. Comery (dated 28th May); G. B. Allan, R. C. Elliott, J. W. McL. Anderson, J. C. Bell, W. E. Gleave, J. G. Brown, J. A. Dodsworth (dated 18th June).

2nd-Lieut. A. W. Davidson, M.C., to be Lieut. (dated 30th April).

2nd-Lieut. to be Lieut.—F. L. Brocklehurst (dated 26th Oct., 1918).

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Lieut.-Col. (Hon. Col.) E. Faux, C.M.G. (7th Batt. Lond. R., T.F.) ceases to cmnd. 37th Batt. (dated 25th June); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. R. L. B. Shutt to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 18th June), with prec. next below L. T. Williams.

Tempy. Maj. J. T. Janson, D.S.O. (Yorks L.I.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Lieut.-Col. on ceasing to cmnd. 22nd Batt. (dated 16th June); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. S. W. Ingledow to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 18th June), with prec. next above L. T. Williams.

Capt. P. H. Stevenson, D.S.O. (3rd Batt., Spec. Res.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Lieut.-Col. on ceasing to cmnd. 12th Batt. (dated 19th Feby.); tempy. Capt. E. H. S. White relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 30th April), and retains the rank of Capt.; tempy. Capt. C. H. Jarvis, from Gen. List, to be tempy. Capt. (dated 12th May), with seniority from 13th Feby., 1917; tempy. Lieut. C. Shields relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (addtl.), 23rd Batt. Lanc. Fusrs. (dated 28th Jany.); tempy. Lieut. S. Walton relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 6th July), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Capt. W. A. R. Dabell, M.C. (8th Batt.) relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 20th April), and retains the rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. R. F. Tilsley, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 2nd July), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Capt. H. P. Hampson (11th Batt.) relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 5th July), and retains the rank of Capt.; Lieut. E. R. Wilkinson (5th Batt., T.F.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with a Serv. Batt. (dated 5th March).

Tempy. Capt. C. M. Goodall relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 27th May), and retains the rank of Capt. Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—J. A. Holt, with prec. next above N. Holt, H. V. Button, with prec. next below A. Hamilton (dated 1st May).

Tempy. Lieut. G. Massie relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 16th April), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. L. A. Ball to take rank and prec. in the Corps and in the Army as if his appt. as tempy. 2nd-Lieut. bore date 6th May; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. Gray relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 17th May), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

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Tempy. Lieut. H. E. Cowling, D.S.O., M.C., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. (dated 6th June); tempy. Lieut. H. E. Cowling, D.S.O., M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 6th June), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. L. T. Williams to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 18th June, with prec. next below D. Firth).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—W. C. Dickinson (dated 1st Sept., 1918, with prec. next above N. Davidson); L. W. Featherstone (dated 1st May, with prec. next above A. Hillary); C. G. W. Wailing (dated 28th May, with prec. next below W. H. Polley).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. H. Creasey relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 5th April), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut.-Col. A. C. de Trafford, from 51st Batt. W. York. R., to cmnd. 39th Batt. (dated 5th July), with seniority from 15th Nov., 1915; tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) N. S. Lees relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (dated 22nd May); tempy. Lieut. H. H. Davies, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 6th April), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. L. E. Brown relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 1st May), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. L. A. Walden relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 24th June), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—J. S. Claxton, with prec. next below R. L. B. Shutt, W. M. Robertson, with prec. next below L. T. Williams (dated 18th June).

Tempy. Capt. G. E. M. Simpson, from Spec. List, to be tempy. Capt. (dated 12th May), with seniority from 29th March, 1917. The resignation of his commsn. by tempy. Lieut. W. H. Foy (on appt. to R.A.F.), notified in *Gazette* 22nd Nov., 1918, is cancelled.

Tempy. Capt. T. L. Williams, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 8th July), and retains the rank of Capt.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. D. Firth to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 18th June), with prec. next below A. Blake.

Tempy. Capt. T. E. Heron, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds, and retains the rank of Capt. (dated 15th July); tempy. Lieut. F. Robson relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. 25th Batt. (dated 29th May); tempy. Lieut. L. V. Naughton relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds, and retains the rank of Lieut. (dated 15th July); tempy. Lieut. F. C. V. Holmes relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds, and retains the rank of Lieut. (dated 15th July).

Tempy. Lieut. C. Logan (18th Batt.) to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. 13th Batt. R. Innis. Fusrs. (dated 9th Sept., 1918).

Tempy. Lieut. D. F. C. Fairclough relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 16th April), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. C. Morgan relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (addtl.), 14th Batt. (dated 6th April) (substituted for *Gazette* notification 16th May, specifying date as 21st April); Lieut. (actg. Capt.) L. J. C. Vidler (4th Batt., R.W. Surrey R., T.F.) reverts to his substantive rank on ceasing to be actg. Capt. (addtl.) (dated 25th April).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—H. Gibson, with prec. next below G. Bestford, F. Goodall, with prec. next below A. Hillary, J. N. Hetherington, with prec. next below W. J. Laws (dated 1st May); F. Archer, M.C., with prec. next below W. Gerrard, F. Andrew, with prec. next below W. Higham (dated 28th May); J. H. Ogilvie, with prec. next below A. Blake (dated 18th June).

Cadets to be tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. under the provisions of the Royal Warrant dated 30th Dec., 1918, promulgated in Army Order 42 of 1919:—J. Williamson, W. Chadwick (dated 17th March).

Tempy. Lieut. W. Gerrard relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (dated 21st June).

TERRITORIALS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

WAR OFFICE,
15th July, 1919.

The King has been graciously pleased to confer the Territorial Decoration upon the following Officers of the T.F. who have been duly recommended for the same under the terms of the Royal Warrant dated 17th August, 1908, as modified by the Royal Warrant dated 11th Nov., 1918:—

4th Batt.—Capt. D. K. McComb.

4th Batt.—Tempy. Lieut.-Col. V. M. Fitzhugh, 6th Batt. Royal Berks. Regt., ceases to be emplyd. with the T.F. (dated 8th July).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. A. E. V. Gallon to be Lieut. (dated 28th May).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. A. N. McInnes (attd. 35th Batt. is restored to the estabt. (dated 5th July).

4th Batt.—The announcement regarding the relinquishment of his commsn. by Maj. W. E. Stephenson, which appeared in *Gazette* 16th May, is cancelled.

4th Batt.—Maj. R. C. Hedley (attd. 35th Batt.) is restored to the estabt. (dated 3rd June); 2nd-Lieut. R. Lock is restored to the estabt. (dated 3rd June).

5th Batt.—Maj. H. Luhrs, C.M.G., is restored to the estabt. (dated 31st March).

6th Batt.—Maj. J. L. Lovibond, retired.

6th Batt.—Lieut. C. A. Grivot-de-Grandcourt relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 25th June), and retains the rank of Lieut.

6th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. D. D. Rutherford, M.C., to be Lieut. (dated 18th June).

7th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. J. F. Gray is restored to the estabt. (dated 11th June).

33rd Batt.—Capt. A. Morlidge (attd. 35th Batt.) is restored to the estabt. (dated 4th Feby.).

MACHINE GUN CORPS.

MEMORANDUM.

Lieut.-Col. H. S. Ainslie, C.M.G., h.p. list, retires on retired pay (dated 10th April).

Tempy. Capt. L. B. Proctor, M.C. (North. Fusrs., Serv. Batt.), to be actg. Maj. while Sec.-in-Cmnd. 52nd Batt. Devon R. (dated 8th Feby.).

Tempy. Lieut. to be tempy. Capt.:—Lieut. C. Jones, North. Fusrs., whilst emplyd. as an Instr. of Phys. and Bayt. Trng. (dated 19th June).

The following relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt.:—Tempy. Lieut. E. Veitch, Serv. Batt. North. Fusrs., on ceasing to be emplyd. as an Education Officer (dated 29th May).

Tempy. Lieut. S. C. Cook-Watson, M.C. (North. Fusrs., Serv. Batt.), relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. 52nd Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 6th March).

Bt.-Col. J. W. Cowley, O.B.E. (retired, Indian Army), vacates cmnd. of 53rd Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 23rd June) (substituted for *Gazette* notification 22nd Nov., 1918).

To be tempy. Capt. while specially emplyd.:—Tempy. Lieut. E. L. Morris, 1st Garr. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 13th April).

To be tempy. Capt. whilst emplyd. as Cmndt. P. of W. Camp.—Tempy. Lieut. J. A. Signey, Serv. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 20th May).

The following relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt.:—Tempy. Lieut. G. F. Mucklow, Serv. Batt. North. Fusrs., on ceasing to be emplyd. as Asst. Area Anti-Gas Officer (dated 2nd May).

GENERAL LIST.

C. R. M. Greenfield, late Lieut., North. Fusrs., to be Lieut. (dated 29th June, with seniority from 12th March).

LABOUR BATTALIONS.

Lieut. C. Cooke (6th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with the Corps (dated 28th May).

Capt. H. Cheesmond, M.C. (4th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F.), relinquishes the tempy. rank of Maj. on ceasing to be emplyd. with the Corps (dated 5th April).

GARRISON BATTALIONS.

2nd Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. J. Currie, from Gen. List, to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 22nd April, with seniority from 31st Oct., 1917); 3rd Home Serv. Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Lieut.-Col. Viscount F. C. Maitland (Hon. Col., T.F.) relinquishes his tempy. commsn.

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on ceasing to cmnd. the Batt. (dated 26th June), and retains the rank of Lieut.-Col.

3rd Home Serv. Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. H. E. Brown relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 9th May), and retains rank of Lieut.

1st Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. F. G. Gerson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 16th June), and retains the rank of Lieut.

2nd Garr Batt.—Lieut.-Col. R. F. M. F. M. Synge (retired pay) ceases to be emplyd. with the Batt (dated 12th June).

2nd Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Capt. W. Dewhurst relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 2nd July).

FRENCH HONOURS.

MEDAILLE D'HONNEUR AVEC GLAIVES EN BRONZE.

No. 242904 Pte. A. H. G. Neale, 1/7th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Dorset)

MILITARY MEDAL.

WAR OFFICE,
3rd July, 1919.

No. 240991 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) L. Burford, 5th Batt. (Willington Quay)

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S LIST OF MENTIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Capt. G. H. Allgood, 3rd Batt. (S.R.), attd. 1st Batt.
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. E. Angell, 19th Batt.
Tempy. Maj. I. G. C. Brady, D.S.O., M.C., 9th Batt.
Lieut. (actg. Capt.) G. Bramwell
Tempy. Lieut. W. Brooks, 19th Batt.
Tempy. Maj. J. Brunton, D.S.O., M.C., 12/13th Batt.
Lieut. O. F. C. Carr-Ellison, 2nd Batt. (killed in action)
Lieut. (actg. Capt.) P. A. B. Cherry
Lieut. P. J. L. Cole, 1/7th Batt. (T.F.)
Tempy. Lieut. H. V. Crees, 22nd Batt., attd. 9th Batt.
Maj. (actg. Lieut.-Col.) B. Cruddas, D.S.O., 1st Batt.
Qrmr. and tempy. Lieut. T. V. Foster, 22nd Batt.
Capt. (actg. Maj.) C. R. Freeman, D.S.O., M.C., 2nd Batt.
Tempy. Lieut.-Col. C. Hancock, D.S.O., 19th Batt.
Tempy. Capt. D. Hewitt, 14th Batt.
Tempy. Maj. (actg. Lieut.-Col.) J. T. Janson, D.S.O., 22nd Batt., attd. York. L.I.
Tempy. Capt. J. G. Kirkup, M.C., 25th Batt.
Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) C. N. G. Koch, M.C., 12/13th Batt., attd. 62nd T.M. Battry.
Qrmr. and Capt. W. M. Megoran, 6th Batt. (T.F.)
Capt. (tempy. Maj.) S. Moffett, M.C., 5th Batt. (T.F.), attd. 3rd Batt. M.G. Corps
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. D. F. Moore, attd. 1st Batt.
Capt. (actg. Maj.) A. W. Muir, D.S.O., M.C., 2nd Batt.
Lieut. (actg. Capt.) E. Nixon, 1/7th Batt. (T.F.)
Lieut. (actg. Capt.) W. Pattison, 2nd Batt.
Lieut. (actg. Capt.) N. B. Pigg, D.S.O., M.C., 1st Batt.
Lieut. (actg. Capt.) F. A. Price, 2nd Batt.
Lieut.-Col. A. W. Rickman, D.S.O., 3rd Batt. (Spec. Res.), attd. 11th Batt. E. Lan. Regt.
Lieut. (actg. Maj.) R. R. Robertson, 36th Batt. (T.F.)
Lieut. H. Roby, 8th Batt., attd. 58th Batt. M.G. Corps.
Tempy. Capt. J. R. Sadler, 17th Batt.
Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) C. Shields, attd. 23rd Batt. Lan. Fus.
Capt. H. B. Speke, 1/4th Batt. (T.F.)
Tempy. Lieut. G. T. Sugden, attd. Intell. Corps.
Capt. (actg. Maj.) E. S. Swaine, attd. 2nd Cyc. Batt., A.C.C.
Tempy. Maj. C. Wallace, attd. 6th Batt. Wilts Regt.
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. T. Williams, attd. 1st Batt.

WAR OFFICE,
5th July, 1919.

Capt. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. (tempy. Brig.-Gen.) A. C. Girdwood, C.M.G., D.S.O., North. Fusrs.
Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. (tempy. Brig.-Gen.) W. N. Herbert, D.S.O.
Col. (tempy. Brig.-Gen.) C. H. L. James, C.B., C.M.G., North. Fusrs.
Capt. (tempy. Maj.) St. J. E. Montagu, North. Fusrs. (r.p.)
Capt. (tempy. Maj.) L. E. Ottley, North. Fusrs.
Capt. and Bt. Maj. (tempy. Lieut.-Col.) W. Platt, D.S.O., North. Fusrs.

Obituary.

LIEUT.-COL. A. C. BODDAM-WHETHAM.

The death took place on the 22nd June last of Lieut.-Col. A. C. Bodam-Whetham, D.S.O., R.A.F., late 5th Fusiliers, in a flying accident. This officer has been employed as a Squadron and Wing Commander in France and in Egypt, and has been as successful in the command of his men as he was always skilful and daring in his aviation work in the defence of London or the attack over an enemy's line. His consistent good and daring work has led to his promotion to Lieut.-Colonel and to the award of the D.S.O., and his friends knew that these were but the beginnings of what more valuable work for the Air Force would bring him. His work as an artillery Squadron Commander and subsequently as a Wing Commander was largely responsible for the efficient artillery co-operation which led to the defeat of the Turks at the third battle of Gaza. Latterly he reconnoitred the whole route from Cairo to Rejaf dealing with the many problems and difficulties of climate and terrain with characteristic courage and good humour. He was on the point of leaving for another long reconnaissance, when the unfortunate accident made for his friends and all in the Royal Air Force a loss which will not be readily replaced.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

13 CAMP,
DURRINGTON,
26th July, 1919.

The arrival of the 1st Battalion Cadre, at Newcastle, on the 26th June has already been noted in the *Gazette*. On the same day, practically the whole Cadre was dispersed, with the exception of Lieut.-Col. Cruddas, R.S.M. Pullan, and three other Warrant Officers. These disappeared (out of reach of comment by *St. George's Gazette*) on a month's leave. The vital spark of this wasted body went on burning, however, and by the 9th July, when the Cadre arrived at Amesbury on its way to Durrington Camp, it had grown to considerable proportions. It was then not much larger than the 3rd Battalion Band which helped to provide a welcome at the Station; but since that day it has absorbed most of the 3rd Battalion, and developed from a skeleton state into one very much "alive and kicking."

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Proof of this is shown by our success in winning the Cup at the Northern Reserve Brigade Sports on the 17th July. The Cricket XI. has played many good matches on the winning side. The Concert Party continues to give a "show" on Thursdays and special occasions, except when (as sometimes happens) its stars suddenly disappear to shine in civilian life. At such times the Band unfailingly comes to the rescue.

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The bad weather of the 19th July damped the ardour of

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our Victory Celebrations; but practically the whole Battalion turned out paper-chasing in the morning, to hunt for Treasury Notes buried in the vicinity of the Camp; a pastime proving very fresh and exciting.

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Lieut.-Col. Hardman Jones arrived at Durrington with the Cadre. A few days later Lieut.-Col. Herbert, on his way to Paris in a Bristol Fighter, paid us in more than one sense, a flying visit. On the 21st July, Col. Yatman assumed command of the Battalion. He added strength to the Cricket XI. two days later in a match against the South Wilts C.C.

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On Sunday, 13th July, the Brigadier General presented 1914 Stars after Church Parade to the following N.C.O.'s and men:—

No. 21403 Sgt. H. P. Nichol	No. 2442 Sgt. M. J. Farrell
„ 63400 Cpl. H. H. Marsh	„ 45425 Pte. C. Bryan
„ 2684 Lce.-Cpl. A. Jackson	

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1st BATTALION COLOURS IN PARIS AND LONDON.

As noted elsewhere in this issue, the Cadre of the 1st Battalion, under Lieut.-Col. Hardman-Jones, arrived at Amesbury on the morning of the 9th July. They were met at the station by a Colour Party composed as under, who took over the Colours and entrained at once en route for Paris, in order to take part in the "Victory March" there on the 14th July:—Capt. T. F. Ellison, M.C., Capt. C. B. Carrick, M.C., C.S.M. A. Graham, Pte. T. Norwich and Pte. S. R. Poole.

On arrival at Shorncliffe late in the afternoon, we (for the writer, by having to submit this account of the travels of the party is now paying the penalty of having been a member of it) were quartered for the night in a Rest Camp near by. Early next morning we embarked at Folkestone, and crossed to Boulogne. It should be mentioned here that we were now one party of many, as the Colours of one Battalion of almost every infantry regiment in the Army were being taken to Paris for the occasion, and the whole party was under the command of Col. Murray-Threipland, D.S.O., Welsh Guards.

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After a few hours in Boulogne, we commenced a long and terrible journey to Paris by train. One halt was intentionally arranged at Abbeville, where we arrived in the evening, and found a very good meal ready. The arrangements here were excellent, and we started off again about 10 p.m. full of hope and good cheer. Unfortunately many unintentional halts soon occurred, and on one occasion we were actually held up for over four hours just outside Amiens whilst the French railway authorities (presuming that such people exist) found a fresh engine to replace ours, which was apparently exhausted with its journey. Ultimately, however, we arrived at Suresnes, a suburb of Paris, at 4 p.m. on the 11th, the journey from Boulogne having taken 25 hours!

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We were now conveyed by lorries to a camp in the Bois de Boulogne, which was to be our headquarters during our stay in Paris. Here we met Lieut.-Col. A. C. Girdwood, who was in command of a detachment from the Rhine.

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Apart from a rehearsal parade next morning, we were at liberty to spend our time on the 12th and 13th pretty much as we liked. We enjoyed ourselves.

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The morning of the great day dawned fine. We know this, because, having to be on parade at 3.45 a.m., we saw it do it.

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The actual march commenced at 8.30. It is impossible here to make any attempt at describing the march itself or the wonderful scenes en route. Suffice to say that the British contingent under Sir Douglas Haig was greeted with most remarkable enthusiasm, and it is safe to claim that nothing in the procession made a finer or more impressive show than the massed Colours of the British Infantry. Indeed, so great was the eagerness of the crowd, that we were quite relieved to get the Colours back to camp intact!

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We left Paris on the morning of the 16th, and had a much better journey back than in going. This time we went *via* Havre, which we reached late in the afternoon. After a meal here, we embarked straight away, and were soon on the way to Southampton. To the great relief of many who had shown much appreciation of the excellent cooking in Paris, the sea was very calm, and we arrived at Southampton at 8 a.m. on the 17th without any unpleasant incidents.

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On arrival at Waterloo we marched to Chelsea Barracks, where all except the Officers were billeted, and where the Colours were deposited. The Officers were allowed to find quarters for themselves, or provided with accommodation in hotels as they wished.

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The march in London took place on the 19th, and the arrangements so far as we were concerned were similar to those in Paris, with the welcome exception that we were not obliged to leave our beds at anything like such an unearthly hour. We again marched four Colour Parties abreast in order of seniority of regiments, and on this occasion the Colours were surmounted with garlands.

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As in Paris, there were great displays of enthusiasm, and at times it was almost embarrassing. It is difficult to maintain a dignified and parade-like demeanour when ladies force one to accept gifts of flowers and little boys and girls shyly offer sticky pieces of toffee! On many occasions one could hear greetings called obviously by present or past members of the Regiment, but the only Fifth Officers we could identify were Maj.-Gen. Shoubridge and Capt. Oakshott.

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Thus ended our part in the National Peace Celebrations, and we returned to Durrington, not sorry that it was all over, but proud indeed to have had the privilege of carrying and escorting the Colours on two such memorable occasions.

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2ND BATTALION NOTES.

"T" LINES,
SCOTTON CAMP,
CATTERICK,
22nd July, 1919.

The Battalion is slowly settling down to a steady course of training and reorganisation, and there are already signs that before many months have passed the standard of efficiency will closely rival that of pre-war days—no more need be said.

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"Peace" days—two false alarms—have been numerous and some of us sincerely hope that there will be no more, as it means little peace and much work.

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The railway strike caused many a heart to ache, as the party of 3 officers and 100 other ranks with the colours were unable to get to Newcastle to take part in the celebrations on the 19th; but though hearts did ache, heads were saved this affliction on the 20th; doubtless a poor consolation to those concerned!

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The party detailed to take part in the London celebrations, consisting of 24, under Capt. B. E. S. Mahon, spent an interesting day on the 18th; they paraded at 06.30 hrs., and proceeded by train with the Newcastle party for a distance of about four miles and after spending two hours on a station platform, marched back to camp, accompanied by the Newcastle party. Orders were then received for the London party to rendezvous at the Camp Post Office at 15.00 hrs., to be conveyed to Leeds by motor lorry. At 16.00 hrs. they were observed to be in the same position. They finally got off at about 17.00 hrs. by motor ambulance and arrived in London at 08.30 hrs. on the 19th; and were marching in the great procession at 10.30 hrs.—a fine performance, and all agreed that it was worth it.

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We have had a Sports Meeting which was a successful prelude to greater things. We have entered for some events in the Northern Command Meeting at York, and Sgt. Kirkup has won the mile in the heats run off in this Garrison in connection with this Meeting; we hope he will win the final at York. This N.C.O. is also one of our chief P.T. instructors and may also be seen beating the tenor drum on Church Parade each Sunday.

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Seven restive chargers have arrived at last and officers can be seen on Friday mornings being carried back from the Bank at top speed in clouds of dust, with bags full of money bumping at their sides—quite a Gilpin performance!

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A cricket team has been raised on a few occasions, but we are not yet in a position to say much about it—in fact, the least said the better at present.

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The following officers have joined since these notes were last written:—

Capt. B. E. S. Mahon
Actg. Capt. D. E. F. Waight, M.C.
Lieut. E. H. D. Grimley
2nd-Lieut. H. A. Ingledew
" H. B. Goult
" P. R. H. Thurston
Actg. Capt. T. C. L. Redwood
" G. Hunter, M.C.
2nd-Lieut. W. H. Fryer, M.C.
" F. Brown
" H. Brough

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

13 CAMP,
DURRINGTON,
25th July, 1919.

On the 1st and 2nd July two days whole holiday was granted to the troops by the G.O.C., following on the declaration of the signature of Peace, at Versailles, on Saturday, 28th June. Monday was spent in the playing of Company and Platoon matches at cricket and football, and on Tuesday a Battalion Gymkhana was held. The entries were so numerous that it took a considerable time to run and jump and crawl off the heats for the various events, of which the Mule-back Tug-of-War proved the most popular. Mrs. C. P. Hawkes presented the prizes and then the rain, which (no doubt owing to the excellent management of Maj. Holderness and his hard working Committee) had kept off until the completion of the programme, descended in torrents. An excellent entertainment was given in the evening by the Battalion Concert Party under the direction of Lieuts. Wailing and Chapman.

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On Wednesday, 9th July, Lieut.-Col. Hardman-Jones (in temporary command) and the nucleus of the 1st Battalion arrived. They were met at the station by the C.O. and Second-in-Command and the Band, which played them up into camp. We greeted many old friends including Q.M.S. Adlard, looking none the worse for three years' strenuous work against the Boche.

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By Saturday, 12th July, the formal part of the absorbtion of the personnel and material of the 3rd by the 1st Battalion was completed and the 3rd Battalion less personnel selected for retention in the 1st Battalion "reverted to Peace conditions." The accompanying photograph shows the survivors of the 3rd Battalion who mobilized with the Battalion in August, 1914. Capt. (now Lieut.-Col.) A. C. L. Hardman-Jones, Reg. Estabt., Capt. (now Major) C. P. Hawkes, Lieut. (now Major) G. C. Holderness, Lieut. (now Capt.) B. G. Creswell-Hobbs, Lieut. (now Capt.) C. L. C. Hodgson, and C.S.M. (now R.S.M.) W. G. Ouzman.

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The war record of the officers of the Battalion who mobilized in August, 1914, is a proud but melancholy one:—

Lieut.-Col. (now Bt.-Col., retired) R. F. Roundell.
Maj. (sub. Lieut.-Col.) Fishbourne (died of wounds).
Maj. E. G. Burdon (retired).
Capt. (now Lieut.-Col., D.S.O.) A. W. Rickman (demobilized).
Capt. (now Major, O.C. 3rd Batt.) C. P. Hawkes.
Capt. (now Bt. Lieut.-Col.) A. C. L. Hardman-Jones.
Capt. M. Lloyd (killed).
Capt. (now Bt. Lieut.-Col., C.M.G., D.S.O.) E. B. Gordon (retired).
Lieut. (now Bt.-Maj., D.S.O.) J. F. Chenevix-Trench (Staff).
Lieut. (now Capt.) B. G. Creswell-Hobbs.
Lieut. (now Capt.) C. L. C. Hodgson.
Lieut. (now Bt.-Maj.) W. Platt, D.S.O. (Staff).
Lieut. (now Maj.) G. C. Holderness.
Lieut. E. J. J. Lamb (killed).
Lieut. J. M. Lambert (killed.)
2nd-Lieut. C. Van Neck (killed).
2nd-Lieut. Geddes (killed).
2nd-Lieut. (now actg. Capt.) R. H. Hoffman (Staff).
2nd-Lieut. D. M. Coles (killed).
Lieut. Glanville, R.A.M.C. (killed).
Capt. and Adjt. (now Major) C. E. Thornton.
Capt. and Qrmr. (now Major) J. Wallace (retired).

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Headquarters, 3rd Batt., less personnel retained with the 1st Battalion, are shortly returning to the Depôt on reversion to peace conditions, including Capt. and Adjt. R. Taylor, R.S.M. Ouzman, C.Q.M.S. Wardle (Orderly Room Sergeant), R.Q.M.S. Smith, Sgt.-Drmr. Slater, C.S.M. Cochrane and C.S.M. Lee. R.S.M. Ouzman thus completes over five years' war service with the 3rd Battalion. He has been responsible during that time for making soldiers out of all kinds of material, promising and un-promising, in the shortest possible time and under most unfavourable conditions. Day in and day out since August, 1914, he has been at his work and many thousands of N.C.O.'s and men who have served and are serving with all Battalions of the Regiment all over the world will never cease to remember how he in the first instance taught them the whole duty of a good Fusilier.

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The work done during the last five years by the Battalion was at high pressure and on a large scale. Thankless work, and largely unappreciated by the public and the authorities. But we know that it was for the Regiment and that the Regiment recognises its value. We filled up the 1st Battalion with Officers and other ranks in August, 1914, and sent out the first reinforcements. The first Service Battalions to be formed, the 8th and 9th, were formed largely from our personnel, which also went to form the first Garrison and Labour Battalions. All through the war we kept all the Line, Service and Garrison Battalions alive with Officers and other ranks and we regarded ourselves as the repository at home of the old traditions of the Regiment. Five thousand Officers and upwards of twenty-two thousand other ranks passed through our hands. Officers and men trained and re-trained by the Battalion, recruits and old-hands, were to be found in every Battalion of the Regiment in every theatre of war. The first V.C. won for the Regiment since the Mutiny was won by a 3rd Battalion recruit, Lce.-Cpl. Bryan, and two other V.C.'s were won by Officers who had passed through the Battalion. The Battalion has been embodied in every war in which the country has been engaged since the time of Marlborough and we like to think that in this last and greatest of all wars our record has not been unworthy.

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On the 15th July the team representing the 3rd Battalion in the "Roberts Cup" Competition left for Bisley. It was constituted as follows:—Capt. Mitchell (capt.), Capt. Barry, Capt. Trenam, O.B.E., M.C., Capt. Steele, M.C., Lieut. Wardle, C.S.M.I. Remnant, Sgt. Oates, Sgt. Reynolds, Lce.-Cpl. Richardson and Pte. Waller. The team was the only Regimental team sent up from the Brigade and finished seventh out of thirty-eight teams competing.

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Capts. Ellison, M.C., and Carrick, M.C., and the 1st Batt. Colour Party took part in the triumphal march of Allied troops in Paris on the 14th July, and afterwards in the Victory March through London on the 19th July.

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The 3rd Battalion furnished a detachment, to represent the Battalions, of one Officer (Capt. Pease, M.C.) and 24 other ranks for the march through London on the 19th July.

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On Thursday, the 17th July, the Brigade Sports took place. The Battalion filled a good lot of entries and after a hard fight with the Inniskilling Fusiliers, was awarded the Championship Cup for the Battalion in the Brigade winning the highest number of points in the Sports. The cup for the competitor winning the greatest number of events was won by 2nd-Lieut. Barr (3rd Battalion).

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The following is a list of Officers and other ranks of the Battalion who gained places and points for the Inter-Battalion Cup:—

Brigade (Open) 880 Yards.—1st, 2nd-Lieut. R. Barr.

Brigade (Open) 440 Yards.—1st, 2nd-Lieut. R. Barr.

Brigade (Open) 100 Yards (Officers).—1st, 2nd-Lieut. J. Surtees.

Southern Command (Open) 100 Yards.—2nd, 2nd-Lieut. J. Surtees.

Inter-Unit Relay Team, 220, 220, 440, 880.—Lieut. Surtees, Sgt. Farrell, Pte. Fleming, Lieut. Barr, 1st.

Inter-Unit Relay Team (Officers), 220, 220, 440, 880.—Lieut. Surtees, Capt. Walker, Lieut. Taylor, Lieut. Barr, 1st.

W.O.'s and Sergeants 100 Yards.—1st, Sgt. Farrell; 2nd, Sgt. Reid; 3rd, Sgt. Newton.

Recruits 220 Yards (Brigade Open).—2nd, Pte. Butler.

Pillow Fighting (Brigade Open).—2nd, Pte. Bell (runner up).

Long Jump.—2nd, Sgt. Farrell, 18ft. 11in.

Cross Country (5 Miles open to Southern Command).—Capt. Firth, M.C., 2nd. Ten out of our total Battalion representative team of 20 officers and other ranks were in the first 20 home. Team:—Capts. Firth, Walker, Steele; Lieuts. Nailer, Lampard, Barras; Sgt. Stuart; Lce.-Cpl. Hosker; Ptes. Chipchase, Winton, Butler, Robertson, Hay, Smith, Hobbs, Kelly, Thompson, Clarke, Harvey, Bell.

Cup for Winner of most Heats, Finals and therefore Points.—2nd-Lieut. R. Barr.

Cup for Winning Battalion.—Northumberland Fusiliers, 35 points.

Runners-Up.—Inniskilling Fusiliers, 32 points.

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The 3rd Battalion was to have sent the Colours and Band to Newcastle for the Victory March on the 19th July but owing to the strike on the N.E.R. this arrangement had to be cancelled.

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On Friday night, 18th July, the Sergeants, 3rd Batt., gave a farewell Ball which went off most successfully. Dancing was kept up till a late (or early) hour and the Committee was congratulated on all hands on the success of its arrangements.

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On the 19th July there was a whole holiday. In the morning a treasure hunt paperchase was arranged, Col. Hardman-Jones, Maj. Holderness and Capt. Hodgson laying the trails. A very large entry turned out and the hunt was a great success. A "Victory Dinner" was served in the dining halls at 1 p.m., and in the afternoon a highly successful miniature rifle meeting was held in the miniature ranges for prizes presented by the P.R.I.

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Col. Roundell paid us a visit on the 20th July. We were all pleased to see that his onerous Parliamentary duties have in no way diminished the keen interest which he takes in the Battalion and all its doings.

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On Monday, the 21st July, Col. Yatman arrived and assumed command of the 1st Battalion.

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The Brigade Rifle Meeting commences on the 23rd July. The entries from the Battalion both for the team and individual events are good and we are all sanguine of coming out well in the final results.

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The Battalion 1st XI. played the South Wilts C.C. at Salisbury on the 23rd, and Col. Yatman made his first appearance for the Battalion.

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1ST AND 3RD BATTS. NORTHD. FUSILIERS *v.* SOUTH WILTS C.C.

Played at Wilton on the 23rd July, 1919, and resulted in a win for the Northd. Fusiliers by 69 runs. Scores:—

1ST AND 3RD BATTS. NORTHD. FUSILIERS.

Capt. B. V. C. Hobbs, ht wkt., b Cobb	11
Pte. Haigh, b Blake	18
Capt. T. F. Ellison, c Margenion, b Farrer	73
Pte. Urwin, c Barnes, b Jarvey	10
Capt. C. L. C. Hodgson, b Matcham	4
Mr. P. L. Delany, c Cobb, b Matcham	12
Col. C. Yatman, c and b Cobb	28
Pte. Armitage, c Barnes, b Farrer	5
Sgt. Farrell, b Farrer	26
Lce.-Cpl. Idle, c Matcham, b Farrer	0
Mr. R. M. Stevenson, not out	5
Byes	28
Total	220

SOUTH WILTS C.C.

Maj. Farrer, c Hodgson, b Haigh	30
H. W. Cobb, b Haigh	4
J. T. Barnes, c Haigh, b Stevenson	38
J. H. Margenion, b Haigh	0
Col. French Blake, b Haigh	7
R. G. B. Farrer, b Farrell	18
J. E. Matcham, not out	28
Maj. Jarvey, b Farrell	4
Capt. Walker, b Farrell	0
Rev. S. Hill, b Urwin	0
B. H. Read, b Urwin	2
Byes	20
Total	151

DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
31st July, 1919.

It was originally intended that the Colours of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions were to come here for the Victory March, which was arranged to take place on Saturday, the 19th instant. Unfortunately it was impossible to carry out this programme as owing to the Railway Strike the parties were unable to travel.

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The Victory March was a great success. The troops taking part paraded on the Town Moor, demobilised men of the Regiment falling in with their own Battalions. Many of the Battalions represented had been disbanded in everything but spirit, and many old friends met and marched together for the last time. Regular Units paraded in drill order—other units in drill order if in the possession of the men. The 3rd Batt. Devonshire Regt. wore steel helmets.

The order of march was as follows:—

Mounted Policemen.
Trumpeters R.F.A.
Northumberland Hussars.
Northumberland Divisional Artillery (dismounted).
R.A.M.C., Wounded and Nurses (Wagon).
Navy and W.R.N.A.S.
R.F.A. and Guns.
Northumberland Fusiliers Band.
Battalions of Northumberland Fusiliers.
Pipers of Northumberland Fusiliers.
Battalions of Northumberland Fusiliers.
Northern Cyclists.
Machine Gun Corps.
Tank Corps.
Band R.A.F.
R.A.F.
Aeroplane.
W.R.A.F.
D.L.I. Band.
D.L.I. Battalions.
W.A.A.C.
R.F.A. Howitzers.
Drum and Fife Band.
3rd Devons.
R.G.A.
R.A.S.C.
German Gun and Wagon.
Drum and Fife Band.
Dublin Fusiliers.
Northumberland Divisional R.E., with Band.
Tyne Electrical Engineers, with Searchlights.
A.A. Gun, with Detachment.
O.T.C.'s.
Volunteer Band.
Volunteers.
Veterans.
Cadet Bugles (Massed)
Cadets.
Re-union of 1914 Star Men.
Comrades of Great War, with Band.
Demobilized Sailors.
Demobilized Soldiers.
Scout Bugles (Massed).
Scouts.

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The Mess has been enriched by several pictures. Lady Bertha Dawkins kindly presented us with an engraving of the Queen, and Maj. R. Auld gave a companion picture of the King. The executors of the late Col. H. T. Crispin have given three water colours and two engravings, and Maj. R. Auld and Capt. Freeman have given a water colour painting illustrating the changes in the uniform of the Regiment.

9TH BATTALION NOTES.

MARTIN EGLISE CAMP,
20th July, 1919.

There is very little to report in the way of news this month, though at present we are a very depleted "family," B and C Coys. and about half of D Coy. having gone to Aboucourt on detachment. Things generally here are quiet, but in spite of the various changes we are still "carrying on!"

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A welcome addition to our Staff in the person of Lieut.-Col. S. Balls, M.C., of the 10th K.O.S.B., who comes to us as Second-in-Command.

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The great event of which I wrote last month has taken place and though we were not successful in our pulls at

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the Olympia, yet we must feel ourselves highly honoured by the fact that our Tug-of-War Team had qualified to represent the troops on Lines of Communication, and considering their very short period of training we must congratulate them on their very creditable performances.

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In the Dieppe Sports, too, our Battalion Tug-of-War team easily won the Heavy Weight Competition and though less fortunate in the other events, considering the very large number of entries and the talent represented, we managed to pull off a second prize in the Football Dribbling Competition (this being won by Pte. A. Lund) and also a second in "Tilting the Bucket," Ptes. Soderberg and Lund being the winners. Those who have seen Pte. Lund's performances on the football field are not at all surprised that he carried off a prize in this competition.

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The Brigade Inter-Company Knock-Out Football Competition brought our C and D Coys. in the semi-final, and after a very strenuous and well played game D Coy. captured the honour, winning the final by two goals against 1.

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The Peace Celebrations have occupied our minds during the last week or two. On the night of the acceptance of the Peace Terms "Dieppe" was *en fête* and the Battalion took part, with the Band, in the torchlight procession.

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It was very evident that the Cafés and Estaminets had done exceedingly well that night, but in spite of all, everybody was very orderly and the whole proceedings passed off without a hitch.

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Shall I ever forget my bodyguard who occasionally splashed me with tar from their torches and continually reminded me of the glorious "Fighting Fifth," etc.?

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On the 14th July the official French Peace Celebrations were held, and our Band attended, with some officers of the Battalion, the Presentation of Decorations to French Troops, and also the Review and March Past, at Dieppe.

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On the 19th our own official Celebration Day was remembered by supplementing the men's menu, and a cricket match took place between A and D Coys. which resulted in a win for the latter.

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Our Whist Drives, Dances, etc., are still in full swing and our very fine string orchestra, under the able conductorship of Sgt. Edwards, has considerably added to the enjoyment of our dances, to which the Waac's are invited once a week.

H.A.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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NEAR WALLINGFORD,
31st July, 1919.

We publish a letter from Sgt. A. Chapman giving us an account of a Nottingham Association for ex-members of the Regiment. By his account it is evidently in a flourishing condition and we are as surprised as he was to read of the numbers who turned up on Parade on the 19th July. We wish the Association every luck.

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Once again we appeal for copy. It is rather disheartening to know that so many are in a position to send us articles of extreme interest and to be forced either to cut down the number of pages or to fill up with padding from other journals, or what is even worse than this, to burn the mid-night oil ourself!!

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The following amounts towards the Regimental Memorial Window in the new Sandhurst Chapel have to be acknowledged:—

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Letter to the Editor.

TO THE EDITOR, *St. George's Gazette.*

56, MAPLES STREET,
BENTWICK ROAD,
NOTTINGHAM,
10th July, 1919.

DEAR SIR,

May I, through the medium of the *Gazette* draw the attention of all Fifth Fusiliers, whose home or intended home is in Nottingham and district, to the fact that an Association composed *entirely* of discharged and demobbed Fifth Fusiliers has been formed in this city, having for its objects (1st) the drawing and keeping together of discharged or demobilized men of the Regiment (no matter what rank); (2nd) helping each other to the best of our ability; (3rd) Commemorating in an appropriate manner our National Saint's Day.

I should like to ask all ranks to get into communication with me as soon as they are discharged or demobilized with

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a view to joining us. Up to the present we have a membership of 60 and the following have been elected to serve on the Committee:—Capt. G. G. Cooper, President; Sgt. A. Chapman, Secretary and Treasurer; Cpl. J. Holmes, Cpl. T. Widdowson, Pte. A. Ford, Members of Committee.

Our numbers increase at every meeting we hold, but still I should like to know that every 5th Fusilier who returns to civil life would make a point of joining us.

I have been requested to forward you a brief account of the Peace Celebrations, as carried out in this city so far as it effects the Regiment.

The main features of the celebrations were a parade and march of all ex-Service and Service men, and at the termination of the march a lunch given by the Mayor, on behalf of the city, to the men of both Services, discharged or still serving.

At the request of Capt. G. G. Cooper, an advert. was inserted in the local Press, a few days prior to the celebrations, calling upon all 5th Fusiliers to meet at a given time and place.

It is most astonishing, but a fact, that considering we are practically a foreign Regiment to the city, we were the second largest contingent on parade.

According to the official programme we were to march at the rear of the particular Brigade we were posted to, but owing to the persistence of the President of our Association we were eventually placed in our correct position, according to seniority of Regiments, and marched immediately in rear of the Guards.

Numbering approximately 500 on parade and headed by the flag of St. George we carried off the honours of the march quite easily, many remarks being passed by spectators as to the general appearance of the men of the Regiment.

Although so far away from our Regimental home it seems that the honour and integrity of the FIFTH is still inviolate in the hands of the Nottingham men of the Old and Bold.

I am, sir,

Yours sincerely,

A. CHAPMAN (Late Sergt., N.F.).

Secretary, St. George's Association.

REGIMENTAL MILESTONES.

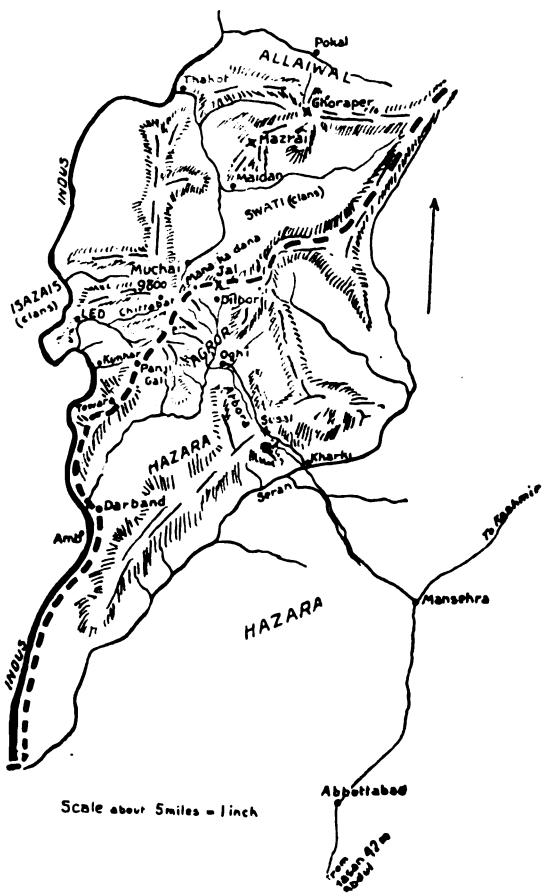
(*Being some notes by a Wanderer in the North West Frontier Province of India.*)

* * * Milestones marking with indelible letters—letters often of blood—the roads along which the Regiment has trod, the cantonments in which it has been stationed. Landmarks not merely of place, but of time; mute records of regimental history.

It is, to use an Americanism, "up to us," the present members of the family, when we chance to be in the vicinity of any such milestones, to see that they are in order or to get them restored. Doubtless the duties of the Garrison Engineer include the repairing of military cemeteries; but that official is after all only a machine, without sentiment, guided by the reins of red tape, working in the grooves of labourism and strictly limited in his operations by controllers of finance and their kind. We who are more deeply concerned are in no way absolved from the obligation to do what we can when we can.

The Mohmand Expedition is still fresh in our memories, and it is sufficient to note that the graves of our comrades who fell at Matta-Mogul-Khel on the 24th of April and were buried by the western wall of the little frontier police post are guarded from desecration by its ever watchful eye. Those of their less fortunate companions who were victims to the grim hand of cholera and lie buried in the Kubrestan of the village of Shabkadr are crossless, but we hope that to them also an enduring memorial will soon be erected within the safe precincts of Shankagarh or Shabkadr fort.

The tidiness of this little cemetery, surrounded as it is by a low mud wall dividing Christian from Mussulman, is evidence of the penalty meted out by the Deputy Commissioner to the villagers for the wanton violation of the graves by their cousins, our late foemen, the Mohmands. It is a



curious coincidence—a repetition of history—that during the Afghan War twenty-nine years before, and in this same month of April, the Regiment, operating round the Khyber Pass, encountered in their sternest fights this same clan of tribesmen.

Three times have I visited this corner of the British out-posts. The first was on the 20th April, 1908, when the dust-covered, weary column, a fight imminent, tramped slowly into sight of the picturesque old fort. The second, nearly a year later, found me in the company of a squadron of our old friends, the 19th Lancers, then engaged in scouring the country for Mirbaz, the notorious Mohmand rifle thief. And now I am here again, but under what different circumstances; passenger in a swift motor car, its modern luxuries contrasting strangely with the stern

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surroundings amid which it passes. On that very day patrols were returning from a fruitless search for rifle thieves.

To speak of a flying visit to the home of the guides; of one still shorter to Nowshera—where the duties of inspection were left in the hands of our regimental half-sister, the 68th—of an evening drive in a ralli cart along the Grand Trunk Road from Nowshera to Attock, to see that place before dark—all this would be but the record of a blank day, since Attock Bridge was only reached as the sun was sinking. Blank, that is, from the point of view of the work in hand, not from the traveller's. This "marriage of the waters," as seen in the light of the setting sun, was worth many miles of travel. Here the mighty Indus, blue with the Kashmir snows, unites with the brown Kabul river which brings with it all the mystery of the wild Afghan country and is thick with the soil it has washed from the fertile Peshawar valley. Here they join and flow together past the war-scarred walls of the old Attock fort and beneath the modern bridge that stands close by.

What pictures does this narrow gorge bring to mind? The Moghul hordes under Timur Lang; Akbar the Tartar, part of whose treasure is said to lie beneath these seething waters; stately Sikh, some thousands of whose army, camping by the river, were swept away to meet their *devta* by a sudden rush of water which, pent up for six months by a landslip in the distant Gilgit Hills, suddenly burst its bonds and poured in devastation towards the plains; Englishmen, lastly, whose indomitable courage swayed the wild tribesmen during the Sikh wars and upheld the prestige of Britain; they whose tenacious hold on this province kept the flag flying at Delhi in the Mutiny.

But enough of dreaming, and back to present days. A tonga drive from Hasan Abdul carried me by bloodless battlefields, still remembered for their wet marches and muddy camps, to Abbottabad, the home of the Frontier Force Gurkhas. A weary drive it is of forty-two miles which the projected railway between the two places will soon render needless. In the Afghan campaign of 1879 the 1st Battalion, as mentioned before, was employed in operations in the neighbourhood of the Khyber Pass and in keeping open the lines of communication. During the summer of that year it was sent to the hills round Abbottabad, there to spend the hot weather before returning to active service. To quote from Maj. Fishbourne's *Extracts from the Regimental Digest of Service*, "1879, 4th June, the Battalion commenced its return march to India, and on the 23rd June encamped at Changi about three miles from Abbottabad. On the 29th July the Battalion moved to Chircala and Sassatahai, two spurs of the Dunga Gali range, about 11 miles north of Abbottabad. On the 29th October B and C Coys. marched to Koat. On the 20th December the remainder of the Battalion reached Peshawar" (for the front).

Beneath the pines in the little cemetery of Abbottabad we find a milestone to their record in the shape of a stone obelisk, not more than four feet high. On it is inscribed:

IN MEMORY OF

Pte. Carroll	Pte. W. Barrett
,, J. Bird	,, J. Bodycot
,, W. Bodycot	,, W. Davie
,, M. Jamerson	

Of the 1st Batt. 5th Fusiliers, who died in 1879, and were buried near this spot.

In the register is a note to the effect that these seven graves are those of "N.C.O.'s and men of the 5th Fusiliers who died of cholera 1879." No other record marks these simple mounds of earth, but it is certain that as long as Abbottabad is a British military station they will remain visible here as Regimental Milestones.

My thanks are due to the courtesy of Capt. J. M. Oldham, R.E., who in the absence of the Chaplain, gave me access to the register and information as to the 2nd Battalion's graves at Oghi on the Agror (Black Mountain) border. The Regiment also is indebted to him for the trouble he has taken in identifying and repairing these far off graves as well as for certain copies of the plans and correspondence which were handed to me.

Turning again to Maj. Fishbourne's Extracts, we find the 2nd Battalion in April, 1888, at Kuldana in the Murree Hills for the hot weather, and on the 20th September of the same year six hundred picked men taken for the Black Mountain Expedition, and though the details affecting the Regiment may be read in that book it will not, perhaps, be out of place to give a short sketch of that expedition.

The Black Mountain district lies on the east bank of the Indus, about thirty miles north-west of Abbottabad, and is inhabited by the descendants of the eldest and youngest sons of the famous Yusaf who founded the tribe of Yusafzais. The elder branch, who call themselves the Swatis, live in the north eastern valleys of the Black Mountain, while the younger, the Isazais, are to be found on the south western slopes and on the west bank of the Indus. It is a broken wooded country running parallel to the Hazara district, similar in character to the Murree Hills, and varying in breadth from ten to twenty miles.

The country had for long been in an unsettled state, and in June, 1888, two English officers were killed while reconnoitring within our own borders from Oghi, the chief military post. The following September two brigades and a reserve column were ordered to mobilize under Maj.-Gen. McQueen and to concentrate at Oghi and Darband. Each Brigade was organised in two columns. The 2nd Battalion was in the first column of the first Brigade together with the 53rd Sikhs and the 5th Gurkhas, both of whom we rank among our friends. On the 4th October the first three columns began to advance up parallel spurs from the east while the fourth column came up from the south. Little opposition was met with by the larger force, though the camp of the first column was attacked that night. Most of the fighting fell to the fourth column. The first column spent the next fortnight on the top of the main crest at Mana-Ka-Dana, whence the work of destroying villages, reconnaisance and road making was carried out. Meanwhile the fourth column had not been inactive, and by the 21st of October the Isazias had sent in their submission. The whole force was then reorganised and moved northwards to punish the Swati clans whose valleys had never before been entered by a British Force. Three columns pushed north to Maidan through very difficult country, and flying columns were despatched to destroy other villages in that district. On the 30th October a force of the first and fifth columns was sent to the Allai country where they encountered some resistance at the pass of Ghoraphir which was eventually carried by the Fifth Fusiliers and the Khyber Rifles. The official report says that the troops suffered great discomfort, as they were for the most part without food or blankets and there was

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a hard frost during the night. The elevation was over nine thousand feet. Pokol, the chief village of the Allaiwal country, was destroyed. Mention is also made of a Company of the FIFTH who during the retirement laid an ambush for the enemy, followed them up and did good execution. This was the last action in the Black Mountain expedition. By November, the troops had returned to their stations.

On learning from Capt. Oldham of the existence of these graves, and after studying the map in his office, I determined to alter my itinerary and obtain some pictorial record for *St. George's Gazette*.

The road to the Black Mountain district leaves the Abbottabad-Kashmir main road at Mansehra, a large village one day's march from Abbottabad. The Thasildar of Mansehra, to whom I applied for transport, was a Mohmand of good family who had been educated in Peshawar and had served in the intelligence department with Sir James Wilcocks during the 1908 Mohmand expedition. To him I owe the speed with which I was able to carry out my quest. It appeared that the first seven miles to the Seran river could be accomplished de luxe, but the ford and remaining thirteen miles could only be negotiated by pony transport. The Thasildar kindly arranged to send his own pony early the following morning to the ford to await my arrival, so that I could cover the forty miles in one day. To those who seek novel sensations—flip-flaps, switch-backs, wiggle-woggles and so on—I can recommend a ride in a third class Peshawara tumtum on a frontier cart road. To be hurled from side to side, to be shot from seat to roof, constantly to be jolted inside out, clinging the while to the back of the seat like a shipwrecked sailor to a spar, and all in the chilly hours of early morning—I can think of nothing to be compared with it except, perhaps, a physical training drill. The Jehu, a strange mixture of kindness and brutality where his diminutive pony was concerned, was a real Peshawari apache. At one moment he would be performing an "upstart" on the shafts or a long-arm balance on the footboard, so to ease his pony and restore the cart to its normal equilibrium; at the next he would be thumping the animal's too visible ribs to the accompaniment of the choicest Peshawari *gali* because it failed to maintain a fixed standard of speed up gradients of one in eight. The road drops over a thousand feet, following a tributary of the Seran which it crosses and re-crosses at several places. On arrival at the ford I found my mount on the further side, but nothing daunted pony and tumtum plunged into the torrent—a larger heart was never coverd by so small a body—and so with floorboards awash we reached the safety of the opposite shore. The Thasildar's charger, richly caparisoned in Border Military Police saddlery, with an exceptionally high and hard cantrel and wallets of enormous size, presented some difficulty, as it took a violent dislike to me and my attempts at mounting it. Once on its back, however, I found him worthy of the stiffest slopes of the Susal Pass up which the track leads for the next six miles, rising as it does so to over four thousand feet. The pass overlooks the Agror valley, and the last seven miles of the road lead down the Abora nullah into the prosperous district of Oghi.

The village itself stands on a conical hill, about a hundred feet high, at the foot of the Black Mountain range, and is surrounded on three sides by a deep stream. The graves of those who died during the expedition have lately been walled in and form two small cemeteries at the foot of the hill. The road turns due north and crossing a large tributary of the Abora stream mounts to an open plateau on which are the Assistant Commissioner's house, the court house, the police fort, barracks, and rest house and offices of the Military Works Department. Enquiry at the last named produced one Uttam Chand, the M.W. subordinate, who escorted me to the graves for the repairs to which he is responsible. The first cemetery contains three unmarked graves. The second was of greater interest and held two graves, the larger of which was marked by a headstone inscribed on three sides and surmounted by the remains of a regimental iron cross. The inscription read as follows:—

South face, overlooking grave:—

No. 1126 PTE. W. GILBERT,
A Coy., 2/5th Fusiliers,
who was killed in action, at Chorarhir, in the attack on the Chaila Craig, 1st November, 1888.

East face:—

No. 368 PTE. S. MOLE,
G Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers,
who died of snake bite, at Chairmang, and was buried at Oghi, 24th October, 1888.

West face:—

No. 1084 PTE. T. SCOTT,
A Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers,
who died of wounds and was buried at Mana-ki-dana 4th October, 1888.

The marble tablet has been removed from the iron cross, and there is nothing to show if the cross was erected to a fourth casualty or if Pte. Mole was buried in the unmarked grave in this cemetery. The native in the white *pagri* is Uttam Chand. The other is a local *badmash* who doubtless rolls his chapaties on the looted tablet from the cross.

On returning to the cantonments I called on Capt. J. A. Brett, the Assistant-Commissioner, who had but recently taken up his residence there. He and his wife, the only British people in the station, showed me the greatest hospitality, which included the unexpected luxury of luncheon to fortify me against the perils of the journey back. Mansehra was reached before dark without further adventures.

Thus ended my quest in search of Milestones. If this "motley" catches the eye of any relation of those whose lives were given up in their country's service I hope he or she will feel that the Regimental Family does its best to keep green the memory of those who helped to build up its history.

The following casualties, taken from War Office lists, have regretfully to be recorded:—

OFFICERS.

KILLED.

Capt. F. Henri	2nd-Lieut. J. Ridley
Lieut. A. J. R. Begg, M.C.	,, F. Remmer
2nd-Lieut. A. Beaham	,, R. E. Williams
,, N. E. Charlton	

WOUNDED.

Maj. W. K. Maclachlan, D.S.O.	2nd-Lieut. T. C. A. Hill
Capt. I. G. C. Brady	,, W. Botting
,, A. W. McCluskey	,, J. E. Farwell
,, H. L. Stafford	,, W. Harris
Lieut. H. Allison	,, J. S. Martin
,, W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C.	,, W. L. Nimmo
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"The Snapper"

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DEATHS.

FISK.—On the 10th instant, at Forest Hall, near Newcastle, Sergt.-Maj. A. B. Fisk, Corps of Commissionaires (late Fifth Fusiliers), aged 63 years.

SHERIDAN.—On the 6th August, 1919, at Newcastle Union Infirmary, James Sheridan, late Sergt.-Instructor Northumberland Fusiliers, aged 63 years.

ENGAGEMENT.

Capt. E. A. B. Orr, M.C., and Miss Hart Dyke.

The engagement is announced between Capt. Esdaile A. B. Orr, M.C., Royal Berkshire Regt., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Orr, of Tunbridge Wells, and Helen Sandra Millecent, only child of Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. George Hart Dyke, of Shillingford Hill, Wallingford.

Extracts from *The London Gazette*:—

COMMAND AND STAFF.

The following relinquish their appointments:—

Staff Captain.—Capt. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C., 4th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F. (dated 14th June), and relinquishes the tempy. rank of Capt.

A.D.C.—Lieut. C. Barnard, 7th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F. (dated 29th March).

D.A.A.G.'s.—Capt. H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C., 3rd Batt. North. Fusrs., Spec. Res., and relinquishes the tempy. rank of Maj. (dated 8th July).

Cl. II.—Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. L. T. Williams, North. Fusrs. (dated 9th June).

Asst. Emb. Staff Officer (Cl. FF).—Capt. J. M. Maxwell-Lyte, 3rd Batt. North. Fusrs., Spec. Res., and relinquishes the tempy. rank of Maj. (dated 25th June) (substituted for notification in *Gazette* 6th Aug.).

Cl. HH.—Lieut. R. W. Shaw, 7th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F. (dated 16th April).

D.A.A.G.—Capt. G. S. Haggie, M.C., 8th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F., and relinquishes the tempy. rank of Maj. (dated 13th May).

Brig. Maj.—Maj. D. Hill, M.C., 5th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F. (dated 1st July).

Asst. Mil. Landing Officer (Cl. FF.).—Capt. J. M. M. Lyte, 3rd Batt. North. Fusrs., Spec. Res., and relinquishes the tempy. rank of Major (dated 25th June).

Brig. Maj.—Capt. C. Chipper, M.C., North. Fusrs. (dated 6th April).

The following tempy. appt. is made:—

Spec. Appts., Cl. HH.—Lieut. J. H. Dunn, 6th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F.

The following appointments are made:—

Cl. FF.—2nd-Lieut. W. L. H. Holmes, Serv. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 2nd July), and to be tempy. Capt. whilst so emplyd.

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Northumberland Fusiliers.

Lieut. (actg. Capt.) J. J. Snailham, Serv. Batt., relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. (dated 22nd Feby.); Capt. H. M. Heyder, M.C., to be Adjt. (dated 26th July).

Lieut. H. Stott, M.C., is placed on h.p. list on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 22nd Aug.).

Lieut. G. Harman retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 19th Aug.).

Lieut. C. H. Steel, M.C., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (dated 23rd June).

Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. E. B. Gordon, C.M.G., D.S.O., retires on ret. pay (dated 26th July) (substituted for the notification in *Gazette*, 25th July).

Lieut. H. A. Fordham (attd. R.A.F.) resigns his commsn. (dated 30th July).

Lieut. G. E. Fenwick, M.C., relinquishes the tempy. rank of Capt. (dated 1st Aug.).

Lieut. C. B. Andrews resigns his commsn. (dated 1st Aug.)

Lieut. R. F. S. Pattenden is secd. for service with R.E. (dated 16th April).

2nd-Lieut. J. Horton, M.M., retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 10th Aug.).

Lieut. T. Jardine retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 6th Aug.).

2nd Lieuts. to be Lieuts.:—J. D. McKenna (dated 30th May); R. L. Nisbet (dated 12th March).

Gentlemen Cadets, from the Royal Military College, to be 2nd-Lieuts., with effect from 16th July:—C. E. J. Whitting, C. S. Graham, H. G. B. Styran.

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

Northumberland Fusiliers.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—C. Tolkien (dated 26th Oct., 1918), with precd. next above G. Massie; W. Meadows, with prec. next below L. Langley, A. C. Leah, with prec. next above A. N. Thompson, A. N. Thompson (dated 1st May); R. H. Quine (dated 28th May), with prec. next below F. Andrew; H. E. Findley, with prec. next above R. Goodier, G. A. Armson, with prec. next above W. M. Robertson, G. A. Watson, with prec. next above R. L. B. Shutt, J. H. R. Davies, with prec. next above J. C. Trigg, J. C. Trigg, J. H. Evans, G. S. Barrass, with prec. next above A. Orange, A. Orange, M.C. (dated 18th June).

Tempy. Lieut. D. McLeod relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 11th June), and is granted the rank of Capt. (substituted for *Gazette* notification 10th June). Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—J. Curry (dated 28th May), with prec. next above W. H. Polley; W. J. Marrable (dated 18th June), with prec. next above S. W. Ingledew.

Tempy. Capt. A. F. S. Fane relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 8th May), and retains the rank of Capt.;

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tempy. Lieut. W. C. Jarvis relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 14th May), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. R. J. W. O'Connor relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 25th June), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. (actg. Capt.) W. P. Ahern, M.C., to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 18th June), with prec. next below J. S. Claxton.

Tempy. Lieut. C. E. Leach relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 30th June), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. E. A. Russell to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 28th May), with prec. next above F. Archer, M.C.

Tempy. Lieut. S. S. Fitzgerald relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 13th Aug.), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. McDonald to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 18th June), with prec. next below A. Orange, M.C., M.M.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. G. A. Armson relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 14th Aug.), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. G. A. Riding relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 2nd July), and retains the rank of Lieut.

52nd Batt.—Tempy. Maj. J. C. Hartley, D.S.O., M.C. (R. Fusrs.), to be actg. Lieut.-Col. (dated 9th May), and to be tempy. Lieut.-Col. while commndg. the Batt. (dated 1st Aug.), with seniority from 20th Nov., 1917.

Tempy. Capt. S. G. Ridley relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 10th Aug.), and retains rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. T. J. Gray relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 27th May), and is granted rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. W. D. Dow (10th Batt.) is removed from the Army for absence without leave (dated 10th Aug.); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. W. Montgomery relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 26th June), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. J. S. Ferrier, from Gen. List, to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 12th May), with seniority from 1st Aug., 1916; tempy. Lieut. A. Dorricott relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 1st July), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Capts., from Gen. List, to be tempy. Capts. (dated 12th May, with seniority specified against their names):—R. W. Rotherford, M.C. (dated 2nd July, 1916); O. H. Lindberg (dated 1st May, 1918). Tempy. Lieut. F. M. Turner relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 8th May), and retains rank of Lieut. Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—W. Dorward (dated 28th May), with prec. next above W. Gerrard; R. Goodier (dated 18th June), with prec. next above J. H. Ogilvie. Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. G. W. Lacey relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 3rd April), and retains rank of 2nd-Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. D. Y. Bowes relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 17th April), and retains rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. Capt. (tempy. Lieut.-Col. while spec. emplyd.) G. Cawson, M.C., from Gen. List, to be tempy. Capt. (with seniority from 10th Aug., 1916), and retains present appt. and tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. (dated 12th May); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. Maxfield relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 7th June), and retains rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. A. E. Fletcher relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 21st June), and retains the rank of Lieut. Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—L. A. Ward (dated 18th June), with prec. next above G. S. Barrass; J. E. Bloomfield (dated 26th July), with prec. next below W. P. Ahern, M.C.

53rd Batt.—Maj. (Bt. Lieut.-Col.) W. P. S. Foord, D.S.O. (Glouc. R.), to be actg. Lieut.-Col. (dated 16th April), and to be tempy. Lieut.-Col. while cmndg. the Batt. (dated 1st Aug.), with seniority from 22nd Aug., 1916.

Tempy. Lieut. J. Russell relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 21st May), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. F. R. Rutherford relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 16th July), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. Taylor to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 28th May), with prec. next above W. Dorward; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. H. Royle relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 18th April), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. L. F. Leathard relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 24th May), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—W. Little (dated 28th May), with prec. next below F. Andrew; W. L. H. Holmes (dated 30th July), with prec. next below J. McDonald.

Tempy. Capt. W. Marrs, M.C., from Gen. List, to be tempy. Capt. (with seniority from 15th Feby., 1915), and retains present appt. (dated 12th May).

Tempy. Maj. H. T. Pomfret, M.C. (Manch. R., Capt., Res. of Officers), to be actg. Lieut.-Col. while cmndg. 8th Batt. (dated 23rd Feby.).

Tempy. Capt. J. B. Nixon, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 9th April), and retains the rank of Capt.

Cadets to be tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. under the provisions of the Royal Warrant dated 30th Dec., 1918, promulgated in Army Order 42 of 1919:—F. G. Armstrong, W. Head, F. Shuker, R. W. G. Twentyman, M.M. (dated 5th March); H. R. Stevens, L. H. Wilkinson, P. G. Willoughby (dated 17th March).

ARMIES OF OCCUPATION.

51st Batt.—Maj. (Bt. Lieut.-Col.) A. C. Girdwood, C.M.G., D.S.O., to be actg. Lieut.-Col. while cmndg. the Batt. (dated 6th April).

52nd Batt.—Capt. H. E. Pease, D.S.O. (Durh. L.I.), relinquishes the tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. on ceasing to cmnd. the Batt. (dated 10th May).

TERRITORIALS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. H. Cook relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 28th Aug.), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. H. R. Kay to be Lieut. (dated 27th Dec., 1918).

4th Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) A. Willis, 8th Batt., relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. (dated 30th Jany.).

4th Batt.—Capt. (actg. Maj.) C. G. Arkwright, M.C., relinquishes actg. rank of Maj. on alteration in posting (dated 27th May, 1918).

5th Batt.—Lieut. H. L. Daglish is restored to the estbt. (dated 20th June).

5th Batt.—Lieut. O. Young, M.C., is restored to the estbt. (dated 18th July).

6th Batt.—Lieut. T. Bonner relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 29th July), and is granted the rank of Capt.

6th Batt.—Lieut. B. R. B. Brook is restored to the estbt. (dated 10th July).

6th Batt.—Lieut. J. Smith is restd. to the estbt. (dated 16th July).

7th Batt.—Lieut. G. F. Steven is restored to the estbt. (dated 9th April).

7th Batt.—Lieut. G. G. Hogarth relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 13th Aug.), and is granted the rank of Capt.

7th Batt.—Tempy. Capt. (actg. Maj.) C. F. Mayos, M.C., 16th Batt., relinquishes the actg. rank of Major on ceasing to be emplyd. (dated 15th July).

7th Batt.—Lieut. C. Barnard is restored to estbt. (dated 29th March).

7th Batt.—Lieut. (actg. Capt. and Adjt.) S. P. B. Booth, M.C., vacates the appointment of Adjt. and relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. (dated 26th April).

TANK CORPS.

Lieut. J. Hackett, North. Fusrs., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Section (dated 2nd April).

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MACHINE GUN CORPS.

Lieut. A. M. Crompton (3rd Batt. North. Fusrs., Spec. Res.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. as Adjt. (dated 27th April).

MEMORANDUM.

The following relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt.:—Lieut. G. Bramwell, 3rd Batt. North. Fusrs., Spec. Res., on ceasing to be emplyd. in a Record Office (dated 25th May).

To be actg. Capt. whilst emplyd. as Coy. Officer, Reinforcement Training Camp.—Lieut. T. Lishman, 5th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F. (dated 23rd Aug., 1918).

To be tempy. Capt. while emplyd. as Instr.—Lieut. A. Palmer, 6th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F.

To be tempy. Capt. whilst emplyd. as Education Officer.—Lieut. J. W. Bowey, 6th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F. (dated 17th April).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. M. Hamilton, North. Fusrs. (Serv. Batt.), to be actg. Capt. while sec.-in-cmnd. Routine Section, Dispersal Unit (dated 22nd Jany.).

The following tempy. Lieuts. relinquish the tempy. rank of Capt.:—T. J. Gray, Serv. Batt., North. Fusrs., on ceasing to be specially emplyd. under the Min. of Munitions (dated 27th May).

The following relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt.—Tempy. Lieut. G. A. MacRae, M.C., Serv. Batt., North. Fusrs. (dated 23rd July).

To be tempy. Capt., without pay or allowances of that rank:—Tempy. Lieut. W. G. Kilford, Serv. Batt. North. Fusrs., while emplyd. as a Div. Officer, R.E. (dated 24th Feby.).

The following relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt.:—Lieut. H. L. Daglish, 5th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F., on ceasing to be emplyd. with I.W. and D. (dated 20th June).

GENERAL LIST.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

H. A. Fordham, late Lieut. (late tempy. Capt.), North. Fusrs., to be Capt. (dated 30th July).

C. B. Andrews, late Lieut., North. Fusrs., to be Lieut. (dated 1st Aug.), with seniority from 1st Nov., 1918.

LABOUR CORPS.

The following Lieuts. relinquish the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with the Corps:—B. R. B. Brook, 6th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F. (dated 9th July); G. Aitchison, North. Fusrs. (Spec. Res.) (dated 15th July).

GARRISON BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

1st Garr. Batt.—Maj. W. H. Sowerby to be actg. Lieut.-Col. (dated 13th April), and to be tempy. Lieut.-Col. whilst cmndg. the Batt. (dated 1st Aug.), with seniority from 13th April.

1st Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Lieut.-Col. E. A. Strachan (Maj., ret. pay) ceases to cmnd. the Batt. (dated 31st July), and retains the rank of Lieut.-Col.

2nd Garr. Batt.—Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—L. J. Wilkins (dated 26th Oct., 1918); F. G. Halkett, J. R. Thomson (dated 17th Dec., 1918). 3rd Home Serv. Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Capt. A. Wood relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 21st June), and retains the rank of Capt.

2nd Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. L. J. Wilkins relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 23rd Aug.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. Johnson to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 11th Sept., 1918).

2nd Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. R. C. Strologo to be tempy. Capt. (dated 2nd Nov., 1918).

2nd Garr. Batt.—Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. H. Barton to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 15th Jany.).

2nd Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. J. Currie, from Gen. List, to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 22nd April), with seniority from 9th Oct., 1917 (substituted for *Gazette* notification 24th July, incorrectly specifying date of seniority).

2nd Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. G. G. Armstrong relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (dated 7th April); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. G. E Ravenscroft to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 28th Oct., 1918).

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ALLIED DECORATIONS.

War Office,
21st August, 1919.

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC.

MILITARY ORDER OF AVIS.

Tempy. Lieut. G. P. Lefebre, M.C., 9th (Serv.) Batt. North. Fusrs.
Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. W. C. Wright, North. Fusrs.

MILITARY MEDAL.

War Office,
20th August, 1919.

No. 17016 Sgt. G. Pegg, 1st Batt. (Stockton-on-Tees)
„ 8/10979 Sgt. W. H. Allen, 6th Batt. (Kirby-in-Ashfield)
„ 18936 Sgt. C. Chester, 14th Batt. (Nottingham)
„ 85302 Sgt. E. F. Digby, 36th Batt. (Melton Mowbray)
„ 13148 Sgt. G. W. Dixon, 9th Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 16/53 Sgt. T. Leach, 19th Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 19/688 Cpl. J. E. Jobson, 19th Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 59568 Pte. O. Laden, 8th Batt. (Glasgow)
„ 41218 Pte. G. Rossington, 9th Batt. (Manchester)
„ 13018 Pte. J. Rudge, 9th Batt. (Maryport)

Obituary.

ARTHUR BENJAMIN FISK.

We have the sorrow this month to record the death of Arthur Benjamin Fisk, who for the whole of his life was a Fifth Fusilier, having been born in the Regiment in which he eventually enlisted on the 14th August, 1871, at the age of 14. His father was the late Col.-Sergt. A. B. Fisk, who served 21 years in the Regiment.

Of a most loveable nature he endeared himself to all the Officers and men who served with him. He took the keenest interest in everything connected with the Regiment, the welfare of which, indeed, was his chief thought. His work was done in that quiet, thorough and unselfish manner which so many of us have reason to be grateful for. Ever willing to help, he did more than his share, never sparing himself, and it was to Fisk both Officers and men always turned when in difficulties, which his marvellous knowledge of the regulations and the Service generally soon smoothed away. A strict disciplinarian, yet by his tact and knowledge of human nature he never made an enemy; never was he accused of "having a down" on a man. How many a young soldier, smarting under the restraint of discipline to which he had not been accustomed, has reason to thank Fisk for his fatherly interest which enabled him to see things in the right light and to become in his turn a credit to the FIFTH?

He saw active service in the Afghan War of 1878-80, and held the medal for that campaign. When Colour-Sergeant of F Coy., 1st Battalion, he helped to suppress the riots in Belfast in 1886. He was in possession of the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct and was also awarded the Medal for Meritorious Service, which proves his high character as a soldier if such proof were needed. He was discharged to pension with the rank of Quartermaster-

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Sergeant (O.R. Sergt.) on the 31st March, 1904. But this did not end his active work for the FIFTH, as, becoming Sergt.-Major of the Corps of Commissionaires, at Newcastle, he assisted the late Maj. Thomson, and subsequently Lieut.-Col. J. Bett, in running the Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society until his death, which took place on the 10th August, after a long illness consequent on a fall he had on the 1st April, 1919.

He married in 1888 Miss Lizzie Gill (also a member of a well known FIFTH family, of which the late Col.-Sergt. Michael Garvey was the head) who bore him eight children—3 boys and 5 girls.

His eldest son, Cpl. Arthur Fisk, whilst serving

Q.M.S. FISK.

in France with the 1st Battalion, won the D.C.M. and was killed on the 14th November, 1915.

Sgt. D. W. Fisk, the next eldest son, also served with the 1st Battalion in France and was twice wounded.

To Fisk the words of the text on the memorial to his old friend and Colonel, Philip Fitz Roy, in the Newcastle Cathedral, may fittingly be applied, "Whatsoever thy hand findest to do, do it with thy might."

Our old comrade was laid to rest in St. Andrew's Cemetery, Newcastle, after the manner of his race and profession. A representative party from the Depôt, the Newcastle Division Corps of Commissionaires, and very many old FIFTH Officers and men attended to pay a last token of respect to a very worthy soldier, to whose widow and family regimental and general sympathy is tendered.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

No. 13 CAMP,
DURRINGTON,
SALISBURY PLAIN,
August, 1919.

Nothing exciting has occurred during the past month. The Officers' Mess is still a jostle of Officers with hardly standing room at crowded times and we have two Sergeants' Messes in much the same state. The kits worn by various ranks are kaleidoscopic and we wonder when, if ever, we shall return to comfortable conditions and some uniformity, with a chance of seeing our old regimental pictures, the cups and groups in the Sergeants' Mess, the musketry shield in the Library, etc., etc.

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We have played a few cricket matches but only on the camp grounds which are inferior, both pitch and outfielding. This accounts for our small scores but not for the dropped catches.

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The Band, under Bandmaster Windrum, is in fine fettle but at present there are few opportunities of any outsiders enjoying its performances.

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The Drums, under Drum-Major Slater (temporarily lent to us by 3rd Battalion), though still below establishment are coming along nicely and all good Fusiliers can now begin their military week to the tune of "Old Father Balls."

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The repainting of the drums is held over until we know what new battle honours will be added.

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Two daring spirits lately made a parachute descent from a balloon. From their description it is quite fascinating except making up your mind to let go. Some more of us hope to reconnoitre the country without wasting Government petrol in an aeroplane.

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Some authority, grade unknown, has solved the question of joy rides. He is evidently in league with the Income Tax authorities to raise their receipts next year by at least 14.3 per centum, thus following a bad example set elsewhere.

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The latest efforts of this "Railway Warrant Wag" are as follows:—An Officer living at home in Cumberland, after his discharge from hospital, wished to resume his business in Manchester. So he was sent from Cumberland to Manchester *via* Salisbury Plain.

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An Officer living at Perth, who wished to be demobilised to take up work near Perth, was sent here *via* Cork (the R.W.W. is evidently a "pathriot" and scented an insult because Ireland was left out of the involuntary joy ride area. This opens up a chance of pleasing variations, for instance a court martial at Devizes might include a trip to Llandudno and a Board at Tidworth a day in town.

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At the invitation of Lieut.-Col. Reid, Commanding Field Survey Battalion, some of us attended a lecture on the first part of Sir Ernest Shackleton's last expedition to the Antarctic. The lecturer was Capt. Williams, the astronomer of the expedition, and now an officer-instructor of the Field Survey Battalion. The lecture was most interesting and the lantern slides showing ice and snow had a soothing effect on the audience who were enjoying the heat wave and the lecture in a tin hut.

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The following Officers joined the Battalion:—

Lieut.-Col. and Qrmr. Landon, D.S.O., D.C.M.	13/8/19
Maj. H. C. Stephen	6/8/19
„ (Bt. Lieut.-Col.) W. H. Wild, D.S.O.	30/7/19
Lieut. W. Pattison	18/8/19
Tempy. Lieut. W. H. Foy	1/8/19
„ N. B. Armstrong	7/8/19

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The following Officers left the Battalion:—

Maj. (S.R.) G. C. Holderness	2nd Batt.	31/7/19
Capt. (S.R.) B. G. C. Hobbs	2nd Batt.	31/7/19
„ (S.R.) C. L. C. Hodgson	2nd Batt.	31/7/19
„ B. E. S. Mahon	2nd Batt.	12/7/19
Lieut. D. E. F. Waight, M.C.	2nd Batt.	12/7/19
Tempy. Lieut. H. Brough	2nd Batt.	12/7/19
2nd-Lieut. P. R. H. Thurston	2nd Batt.	12/7/19
2nd-Lieut. G. R. Hunter, M.C.	2nd Batt.	12/7/19
Tempy. Capt. J. H. Gibson	40th Batt.	7/8/19
Tempy. Lieut. J. J. Dobbin	40th Batt.	5/8/19
Tempy. Lieut. R. G. Smith	40th Batt.	5/8/19
Tempy. Lieut. H. W. Firth, M.C.	40th Batt.	7/8/19
Tempy. Lieut. T. A. Anderson	40th Batt.	7/8/19
Tempy. Lieut. P. L. Delaney	40th Batt.	7/8/19
Tempy. Lieut. R. Taylor	40th Batt.	9/8/19
Tempy. Lieut. A. B. Walton	40th Batt.	9/8/19
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. Mc. I. Dyson	40th Batt.	5/8/19
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. Sanderson	40th Batt.	7/8/19
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. G. F. Docherty	40th Batt.	7/8/19
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. W. Chapman	40th Batt.	9/8/19

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The following Officers have been posted:—

Maj. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O.
Maj. R. M. R. Lamb, D.S.O.
Capt. H. I. Powell
Capt. Cogan
Lieut. C. H. Steel

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On the 14th August the G.O.C. 3rd Division presented the Distinguished Conduct Medal to C.S.M. O. C. Dipper. On the 27th September, 1918, C.S.M. Dipper, then with the 8th Battalion, collected a small force which had become separated from the main body in the advance upon Oisy-le-Verger. With this he rushed two machine gun posts. Later, on the 6th October, in the attack upon Pallencourt, when all the Officers had become casualties, C.S.M. Dipper took charge of the Company, and in heavy shell fire and with only thirty-six men, he continued the advance, obtained the objective, and hung on there for four days.

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Warrant Officers and N.C.O.'s:—

No. 7082 C.S.M. Adlard, appointed Quartermaster-Sergeant to the Battalion with effect from 8/3/19.

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No. 33679 Band-Sgt. Rood dispersed 28/7/19.

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No. 3773 actg. C.Q.M.S. Bloxham joined from the 2nd Battalion but left to join the 39th Battalion on 25/7/19.

No. 6162 Sgt.-Maj. Pullan joined the Battalion		25/7/19
„ 1203 C.S.M. Bradford	„ „	31/7/19
„ 97890 Sgt. Bartlett	„ „	31/7/19
„ 86363 R.S.M. Taylor	„ „	1/8/19
„ 9943 C.Q.M.S. O'Hara	„ „	5/8/19
„ 8022 Sgt. Brooks	„ „	5/8/19
„ 88627 R.Q.M.S. Boardman joined the 40th Battalion		19/8/19
„ 9299 C.S.M. Edmonson	„ „	10/8/19

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No. 1457 Sgt. P. Gale came from the Depôt on the 14th August but left to join the 2nd Battalion a week later.

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No. 7155 Sgt. Bird left to join the 2nd Battalion on the 18th instant.

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A number of N.C.O.'s who joined under the Derby Scheme early in 1916 are leaving us daily to return to civil life, and by the next issue most of those eligible for civil life will have left.

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The tennis courts have seen hard service, notably in the match 1/5th Fusiliers v. R.E. Field Survey Battalion. The following is the result:—

5TH FUSILIERS				7 Sets (44 Games).
FIELD SURVEY BATT. R.E.				1 Set (25 Games).
Col. Yatman / Capt. Ellison	beat	Col. Reid / Maj. Crowe	...	6–3
		Maj. Jessop / Capt. Davies	...	6–5
		Capt. Ford / Lieut. Jones	...	6–0
Maj. Thompson / Capt. Ritzema	beat	Col. Reid / Maj. Crowe	...	6–5
		Capt. Ford / Lieut. Jones	...	6–1
		Capt. Ford / Lieut. Jones	...	6–2
Bt.-Lt.-Col. Wild / Capt. Newton	lost to	Capt. Ford / Lieut. Jones	...	2–6
	beat	Maj. Jessop / Capt. Davies	...	6–3

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Cricket has been a popular game again this month, though perhaps the problem of "how to brighten Cricket" is as unsolved by us as by the rest of the sporting world. Our most interesting match was Officers v. N.C.O.'s and Men of the Battalion. The result was:—

N.C.O.'s AND MEN 5TH FUSILIERS.

Sgt. Atkin, b Mr. Barrass	46
Lce.-Cpl. Idle, b Capt. Ellison	21
Pte. Armitage, c Capt. Ellison	9
Pte. Irwin, c Capt. Pease	1
Pte. Dinning, c Capt. Pease	23
Lce.-Cpl. Crowe, c and b Col. Yatman	9
Q.M.S. O'Hara, b Col. Yatman	0
Pte. Evans, c Col. Yatman	9
Pte. Hackett, c Col. Yatman	5
Pte. Goacher, c Col. Yatman	0
Cpl. Allen, not out	6
Byes	11
Total	140

OFFICERS 1/5TH FUSILIERS.

Capt. Barry, b Irwin	4
Mr. Barrass, b Atkin	3
Capt. Pease, b Atkin	2
Capt. Ellison, b Irwin	4
Col. Yatman, b Goacher	10
Mr. Humphries, b Irwin	0
Col. Hardman-Jones, b Goacher	4
Maj. Hawkes, b Irwin	3
Mr. Lumpard, b Goacher	0
Mr. Sanderson, not out	9
Mr. Leah, b Irwin	0
Byes	10
Total	49

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Rates of Subscription.

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2ND FIELD SURVEY BATT. R.E. v. 1ST BATT. 5TH FUSILIERS. HOME, 30/7/19.

1ST BATT. 5TH FUSILIERS.

Capt. Newton, R.A.M.C., b Jenkins	0
Pte. Armitage, b Jenkins	5
Pte. Irwin, c Kay, b Jenkins	0
Col. Yatman, b Jenkins	0
Capt. Ellison, b Armstrong	4
Mr. Delaney, b Armstrong	4
Mr. Stevenson, b Jenkins	2
Pte. Dinning, b Armstrong	0
Sgt. Atkin, c and b Jenkins	5
Lce.-Cpl. Idle, c Jones, b Armstrong	3
Lce.-Cpl. Crowe, not out	0
Total	23

2ND FIELD SURVEY BATT. R.E.

Mr. Jenkins, b Mr. Stevenson	19
Kay, c Capt. Newton, b Mr. Stevenson	1
Col. Reid, c Dinning, b Mr. Stevenson	0
Mr. Jones, c Capt. Ellison, b Capt. Newton	14
Cpl. Steele, b Mr. Stevenson	8
Capt. Michealis, c Capt. Ellison, b Mr. Stevenson	8
Mr. Candler, st Idle, b Mr. Stevenson	22
Capt. Ford, c Capt. Newton, b Mr. Stevenson	18
Capt. Hare, st Idle, b Capt. Ellison	5
Armstrong, st. Idle, b Mr. Stevenson	1
Saunders, not out	15
Byes	5
Total	116

2ND FIELD SURVEY BATT. R.E. v. 1ST BATT. 5TH FUSILIERS AWAY, 10/8/19.

2ND FIELD SURVEY BATT. R.E.

Kay, b Irwin	7
Capt. Hare, b Irwin	4
Mr. Jenkins, b Irwin	1
Saunders, b Irwin	14
Col. Reid, b Mr. Barrass	15
Armstrong, not out	32
Capt. Ford, b Irwin	26
Capt. McMurray, st Idle, b Irwin	1
Ludton, b Mr. Pease	5
Simmons, c Dining, b Irwin	0
Byes	11
Total (for 9 wickets)	116

1ST BATT. 5TH FUSILIERS.

Sgt. Atkin, b Mr. Jenkins	0
Lce.-Cpl. Idle, c Capt. McMurray, b Mr. Jenkins	6
Mr. Pease, b Mr. Jenkins	0
Pte. Irwin, c Kay, b Mr. Jenkins	3
Col. Yatman, c Kay, b Mr. Jenkins	10
Mr. Barrass, b Jenkins	3
Pte. Armitage, run out, b Armstrong	1
Pte. Evans, b Addison	8
C.Q.M.S. O'Hara, not out	5
Pte. Dinning, b Mr. Jenkins	0
Pte. Goacher, b Mr. Jenkins	1
Byes	3
Total	40

1ST BATT. 5TH FUSILIERS v. 478TH SEIGE BATTY. R.G.A.—16/8/19.

1ST BATT. 5TH FUSILIERS.

Pte. Haigh, c and b Marvel	10
Pte. Armitage, run out	2
Capt. Newton, b Lawrence	0
Sgt Atkin, b Lawrence	5
Lce.-Cpl. Idle, b Lawrence	0
Mr. Pease, c and b Marvel	1
Maj. Thompson, b Lawrence	0
Capt. Steele, c and b Marvel	2
Mr. Sanderson, c and b Lawrence	0
Mr. Barrass, c and b Lawrence	1
Pte. Dinning, not out	0
Byes	9
Total	30

478TH SEIGE BATTY. R.G.A.

Mr. Savage, run out, b Haigh	0
Mr. H. H. Roberts, c Mr. Pease, b Haigh	10
Mr. Daniel, b Haigh	2
Sgt. Budgen, b Atkin	0
Mr. Hinton, b Haigh	1
Sgt. Lawrence, c Atkin, b Haigh	0
Mr. Leyland, b Haigh	0
Mr. Marvel, b Atkin	7
Mr. Hughes, b Haigh	0
Mr. Ward, b Haigh	0
Mr Zollen, not out	0
Extras	4
Total	24

1ST BATT. 5TH FUSILIERS 2ND XI. v. WEST YORKS 2ND XI. AWAY—20/7/19.

1ST BATT. 5TH FUSILIERS.

Pte. Armitage, c and b Patefield	2
Lce.-Cpl. Idle, b Patefield	4
Pte. Irwin, b Patefield	5
Capt. Newton, b Patefield	4
Sgt. Farrell, c Billingford, b Patefield	4
Capt. Walker, b Patefield	4
Lce.-Cpl. Crowe, b Billingford	2
Cpl. Allan, b Patefield	2
Pte. Lisle, c and b Patefield	18
Mr. Barrass, run out	6
Lce.-Cpl. Walton, not out	0
Byes	1
Total	52

WEST YORKS 2ND XI.

Sgt. Armstead, c (?), b Irwin	0
Pte. Craven, b Irwin	1
Pte. Holt, c and b Irwin	1
Pte. Patefield, b Irwin	0
Lce.-Cpl. Mortimer, b Farrell	0
Pte. Padley, b Farrell	2
Mr. Billingford, b Irwin	0
C.S.M. Jacobs, not out	10
Pte. Bist, c and b Irwin	3
Pte. Kirby, c Irwin	3
Mr. Lowther, b Capt. Newton	1
Byes	8
Total	29

The Battalion 2nd XI. also played Amesbury Village on the 23rd August. Result:—Amesbury, 52 runs; Battalion, 99 runs.

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Result of N.R. Brigade Inter-Company Cricket League (knock-out):—

X Coy. 1st Batt. 5th Fusiliers reached the Semi-Final but were knocked out by A Coy. 3rd York and Lancs., who won the Cup. Result:—A Coy. 3rd York and Lancs, 84 runs; X Coy. 5th Fusiliers, 75 runs.

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The result of the First Round Battalion Inter-Company League leaves Companies in the following order:—

1st.—X Coy. Won all matches.
2nd.—Z Coy. Won 2 matches, lost 1 match.
3rd.—T Coy. Won 1 match, lost 2 matches.
4th.—W Coy. Won no matches.

And in the 2nd Round which has just commenced X Coy. have beaten Z Coy. The scores being:—

X Coy.—66 runs.
Z Coy.—11 runs.

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2ND BATTALION NOTES.

30th August, 1919.

The last month has been most strenuous and all were glad when orders for abroad arrived, enabling everyone to proceed on a fortnight's embarkation leave. There had been many rumours as to our probable station, but everyone had settled down to the idea of India, when orders arrived for the Battalion to be prepared to embark by the 15th of September for Mesopotamia. Feelings were very mixed about this, especially the feelings of the "Married," as families cannot go there at present; others are preparing for the use of rod and rifle and anything else that may turn up.

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Col. Yatman and Col. Herbert visited us during the month. The former came to discuss the synchronising of the 1st and 2nd Battalions dress, etc., the results of the discussion will be fully known in due course but budding "Lion Tamers" and "Ballet Dancers" should beware, lest a terrible fate o'er take them! There should be a fine selection of boots on the market before long.

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Capt. E. S. Swaine, M.C., Capt. T. H. Owen, and Lieut. W. H. Griffiths, M.C., reported during the month.

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These notes are, perforce, very scrappy owing to lack of time.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

No. 13 CAMP,
DURRINGTON,
21st August, 1919.

Further details have been received with regard to the flying accident in Egypt which resulted in the death of Lieut.-Col. Arthur Boddam-Whetham, R.A.F., whose photo appears with these notes, and previously of the 3rd Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, an obituary notice of whom

appeared in last month's *Gazette*. Col. Boddam-Whetham was engaged in selecting the aerodromes in Egypt for the new Egypt-to-India air route and had completed the North African section. When the accident occurred he was about to fly from Ramleh to Damascus (as a passenger—which he always detested).

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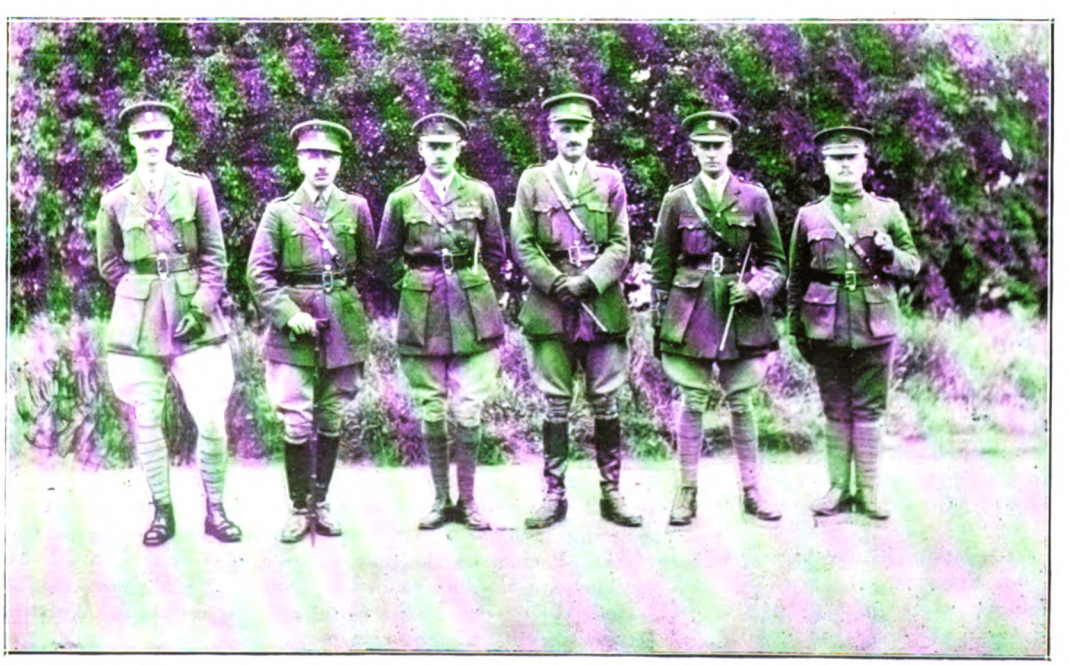
Col. Boddam-Whetham had been A.D.C. to Sir George Le Hunte, K.C.M.G., Governor of South Australia, and went with him when he was transferred thence as Governor to Trinidad in 1908. He returned home in 1912 and took a course of aviation, afterwards proceeding with his wife to British East Africa, where he was on the outbreak of War in 1914. He soon went to France as a flight-commander in the R.F.C., becoming squadron-



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commander in 1915. In 1917 he went to Egypt, when he commanded a reserve wing for some time and was in temporary command of an active wing in the Gaza area. Late in the same year he came home to command the experimental wing R.A.F. at Orfordness and in February, 1919, he was sent out on special duty to Egypt. His brother Officers in the 3rd Battalion, in which he served from 1900—1906, followed with interest his brilliant career in the R.F.C. and R.A.F. and received the news of his untimely death with the greatest sorrow.

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The photograph of the Officers and other ranks of the Battalion who were mobilized on the 4th August, 1914, and were present on its absorbtion by the Cadre of the 1st Battalion and consequent disembodiment in July, 1919, at Durrington, was sent in too late for publication in last month's *Gazette* was held over till this month and appears on previous page. The names (from left to right) are:—Lieut. (now Capt.) B. G. Creswell Hobbs, Capt. (now Major) C. P. Hawkes, O.C., Capt. (now Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col) A. C. L. Hardman-Jones, Capt. (now Major) G. C. Holderness, Lieut. (now Capt.) C. L. C. Hodgson, Col-Sergt. (now R.S.M.) G. Ouzman.

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Thus ends the most important, if not the longest, embodiment of the Battalion in its long history.

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Previous embodiments were as follows:—

The Seven Years War.—From 25th February, 1760, to December 1762, 2 years and 10 months. C.O., Col. Sir Edward Blackett, Bart.

The American War.—From 13th April, 1778, to December, 1782, 4 years and 8 months. C.O., Col. Lord Algernon Percy.

French War.—From January, 1793, to 22nd April, 1802, 9 years and 5 months. C.O.'s, Col. Lord Algernon Percy and Col. John Reed.

Owing to the large size of the Battalion a supplemental Battalion was formed during this embodiment, commanded by Lieut.-Col. C. W. Bigge, of Benton.

During the period 373 men were drafted to the Armies overseas.

French War, on termination of Peace of Amiens.—From April, 1803, to 24th June, 1814, 11 years and 2 months. C.O.'s, Col. John Reed, Lieut.-Col. J. B. Coulson, Col. Lord Lovaine.

1,159 N.C.O.'s and men were drafted to line battalions, the Navy and the Royal Marines during the embodiment.

Crimean War.—From 9th January, 1855, to 20th June, 1856, 1 year and 5 months. C.O., Col. The Earl of Beverley.

395 men were drafted abroad during this embodiment.

South African War.—From 12th December, 1899, to 8th July, 1901, 1 year and 7 months. C.O., Col. Lord Algernon Percy, A.D.C.

Eighteen Officers and 193 men went to the line battalions during this embodiment.

The Great War, 1914—1918.—From 4th August, 1914, to 12th July, 1919, 4 years and 11 months. C.O.'s, Col. R. F. Roundell, Maj. C. P. Hawkes.

5,000 Officers and 23,000 other ranks were drafted overseas during this embodiment.

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——*And the next?*

DEPOT NOTES.

30th August, 1919.

Maj. and Qrmr. W. M. Allen, O.B.E., who has been on two months leave joined on the 23rd to take over the duties of Quartermaster from Lieut. Taylor. We congratulate Lieut. Taylor who has been retained for the last six months pending the arrival of a relief, and hopes now to be demobilised shortly.

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The local branch of the R.A.T.A. which has been rather inactive during the war has revived, chiefly owing to the energy of Lieut. Price, the President, who has shown great keenness.

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On the 15th we received a visit from Col. C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O.

9TH BATTALION NOTES.

MARTIN EGLISE CAMP,
20th August, 1919.

There is very little of interest to record this month, though our staff has undergone several changes.

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Lieut.-Col. Boyle, M.C., has now assumed Command of 2/6th Batt. Royal Warwick Regt., our very near neighbours.

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Maj. Reid Kellett, D.S.O., M.C., of the South Wales Borderers, has joined us as Second-in-Command.

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The "Clutching Hand" Department (commonly called the Quartermaster's Department) has also had a new "Chief to Affairs" in the person of Lieut. Hodgson, of the K.O.Y.L.I., and judging by our weekly clothing parades he is no new hand at the game.

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Our Company Cookers, too, have recently undergone a complete change, and we feel sure in their present clean and newly coloured state they will be very dear to the heart of the "Higher Command."

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Tennis in khaki shorts is all the rage just now, and that, with "Shirt Sleeve Parades" is very much appreciated during this hot weather.

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Cricket and bathing, too, are very much in evidence just now, and it is a pity Abaucourt is so far away, but we live in hopes of being a united family once more very soon.

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Congratulations to Capt. Pirken, M.B.E., and Lieut. Cole on their having a "Mention in Despatches."

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The addition of a clarionette to the instruments of our String Orchestra is a very welcome one and has a very marked effect on the tone of same, and we feel sure it has added considerably to the enjoyment of our weekly dances since the advent of the full Batt. Orchestra, not omitting their services also at the Batt. Mess Guest Nights.

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Finale.—No! We have not got an Interpreter on the strength of our Company. It is only the rapid progress being made by a pupil of the French Class.

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Editorial Notes.

It is with the greatest regret and reluctance that we have to call attention to the "Important Notice" which appears in this issue announcing that the rates of subscriptions and charges for the *St. George's Gazette* have been increased. We have fought against making any alteration for the past two years in the hope that the end of the war would see a reduction in the cost of publishing. So far the only change in the cost which has taken place since the Armistice has been an *increase* of 25 per cent!! Nor do we see any prospect of a diminution.

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As it is obviously uneconomical to continue to sell for 2d. an article which costs over 6d. to produce, we wrote to the Commanding Officers of the two Line Battalions to ask what they wished done about it. Their decision, which has also been acquiesced in by the Depôt, is embodied in the notice before referred to. We can only add that so far as we know there is only one other luxury, the cost of which has not increased during the war and that is the amusement to be obtained from pulling the communication cord in a railway carriage, the price of which we believe still remains at £5!!

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Our hope is that gradually we shall get the *Gazette* back to its pre-war size (it is now 16 pages as against 24 pages), and that in time it will be possible to reduce the charges. Until then we hope that the increase in rates of pay for all ranks now under consideration will be sufficient to enable them to bear the extra charge without much inconvenience.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Lieut. J. I. Atkinson	Lieut.-Col. E. M. Moulton-Barrett, D.S.O.
W. Boyd, Esq.	Gen. Shoubridge, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.
2nd-Lieut. R. C. Elliott	Maj. T. F. M. Smart
Lieut.-Col. Gathorne Hardy, D.S.O.	Lieut. W. Smart
2nd-Lieut. W. Harvey	Capt. Clive Smith
Mrs. Jones	Lieut. and Qrmr. J. W. White
Miss E. G. Johnstone	Capt. W. H. Wynnsford
2nd-Lieut. C. H. Mitchell	

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Subscriptions due in September:—

Bandmaster W. F. Cooper	Mr. T. Scott
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Capt. E. Nixon	Lieut. G. A. Godfrey
Capt. H. A. Ryott	Mrs. Rushbroke

N.B.—If these subscriptions are paid by the 30th September they will remain under the old rate, if paid after that date the new rate will be charged *vide* notice in this issue.

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We have received from R.S.M. Mellors a most interesting contemporary publication called the *Pole Star*. Published at Murmansk it appears to be the journalistic medium of the English speaking Army in North Russia. Besides being a valuable addition to our war museum of Bellonic Bibliography it is in itself a highly entertaining journal. We take this opportunity to thank S.M. Mellors for his kind thought.

SANDHURST CHAPEL WINDOW FUND.

The following amounts have to be acknowledged:—

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E. Milne, Esq.	5	0	0
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Maj. B. Cruddas, D.S.O.	5	0	0
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Subscriptions should be sent to:—

Maj. B. T. St. John,
The Old Mill House,
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Near Wallingford.

NOTICE.

149TH INFANTRY BRIGADE DINNER CLUB.

The Annual Dinner will be held in Newcastle-upon-Tyne on Friday, the 31st October, 1919. All Officers who served in France with the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Batts. Northumberland Fusiliers or with the R.F.A., R.A.S.C., R.A.M.C., M.G.C., or on the Staff, or with the other Divisional Troops of the 50th (Northumbrian) Division are eligible as members. Further particulars as to the Dinner will be notified by circular to members and published in the *Times* and local press later. Applications for membership and annual subscriptions, 5/-, should be sent to Maj. G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., 1, Mosley Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

COMFORTS FUND.

Subscriptions and grants to the above Fund from 1915 to 1919 amounted to £293 13s. 8d., which sum was expended on materials and payment of workers. Friends of the Regiment sent 261 comforts, and altogether 2,432 were provided.

THE DECISION.

By GREEN JACKET.

Extract from Field Service Regulations, Part 1:—

13.—Notwithstanding the greatest care and skill in framing orders, unexpected local circumstances may render the precise execution of the orders given to a subordinate unsuitable or impracticable. Under such circumstances the following principles should guide an Officer in deciding on his course of action:—

1. A formal order should never be departed from, either in letter or spirit—(a) so long as the Officer who issued it is present; (b) if the Officer who issued the order is not present, provided that there is time to report to him and await a reply without losing an opportunity or endangering the command.

II. A departure from either the spirit or the letter of an order is justified if the subordinate who assumes the responsibility bases his decision on some fact which could not be known to the Officer who issued the order, and if he is conscientiously satisfied that he is acting as his superior, if present, would order him to act.

III. If a subordinate, in the absence of a superior, neglects to depart from the letter of his orders, when such departure is clearly demanded by circumstances, and failure ensues, he will be held responsible for such failure.

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IV. Should a subordinate find it necessary to depart from an order, he should at once inform the issuer of it, and the commanders of any neighbouring units likely to be affected.

During the past 48 hours parties of Officers and N.C.O.'s had visited the line. Raised maps showing every fold in the ground, plans, photographs and orders had been studied; for the Brigade was to take part in the great attack.

It was raining. Yes; it was pouring rain. It had rained for days. Was the Ypres salient ever without rain?

A million little lakes. Shell holes linked together by patches of slimy soil, half hiding a hundred thousand horrors. The burial ground of battalions of British, French and German men. Not a blade of grass to be seen. A few stumps of blasted, scarred and charred trees. Desolation.

It was the close of an autumn day. The Bosch was shelling A and B tracts—the only routes by which the Brigade could reach the front line. By day, every inch of those tracks was visible from the enemy lines in the forest of H——. It was now too dark for him to see for more than a couple of hundred yards; but what matter? he knew where the tracks were; he knew troops holding the swamp below him must be relieved at some time by others who must come by those tracks. Men could not live for more than two or three days knee-deep, or waist-deep in water. The British soldier must be fed, ammunition supplied, the wounded carried away, the dead—no, it was not necessary to remove the dead—the bodies would sink into, or be trodden into the slime. Therefore, the Bosch shelled A and B tracks; and our guns, half buried in mud, shelled the Bosch guns. It was nothing unusual. It happened every night.

Somewhere, up wind, Fritz was evidently giving the division on our right especial attention; for the smell of gas shells was floating down the valley of the S—— becque, now nothing but a swamp. The Brigadier stood at the side of B track where it crossed the "becque," so that he might wish "good luck" to the left Battalion as it moved up to the line. If the Bosch was unlucky, the Battalion would cross the frail duck-board bridge in safety. So far the shells had missed it; but it was anxious work watching them bursting first on one, and then on the other side of the track; for the Brigadier, for old times' sake, had a warm corner in his heart for the left Battalion. Fourteen platoons had crossed; the fifteenth was on the bridge. A blinding flash; then darkness, and the falling of mud and timber into the water. The Bosch had been lucky.

As the Brigadier tied up the wounded hand of a Lewis gunner, he heard the Subaltern urging his shattered platoon to "close up." "A must git on after 'em" said the Lewis gunner. "Good luck to you" answered the Brigadier. And out of the darkness came: "Same to you, sor!" "Haway, lads."

It was still raining. The Brigadier wondered if it was right to send men to attack over that sea of mud. Would it be possible for them to cross it? They had to wait all that night, the following day, and the next night in shell-holes full of water. They would be cold, numb and stiff. Would his arrangements for the supply of food fail? Was the Higher Command aware of the state of the ground in the neighbourhood of the front line? It was practically impossible to go there by day; the Bosche snipers and machine gunners would account for any men who attempted to reconnoitre by daylight. There was ample proof of that to be seen in the khaki clad forms that dotted the desolate, rain sodden ground—forms once inhabited by the souls of men Would the heavy gunners be able to smash up the long line of concrete machine gun emplacements in front of the centre Battalion before the attack took place? The Corps Commander said it would be done during the morning of the following day; but if it was such an easy matter why had the existence of these emplacements been tolerated for the past two months? It was from their shelter that the Bosch machine guns had gathered their harvest. If they remained intact on the morning of the attack there would be great gaps in the ranks of the centre and right Battalions, broken hearts and tears in the North Country.

The Brigadier returned to his Headquarters, committed his views on the situation to writing, and despatched them to the Higher Command. Unless there was a complete change in the weather on the morrow, *i.e.*, very high wind and bright sun, he recommended that the attack should be postponed.

By midnight it had ceased to rain. By dawn a veritable hurricane was raging. All the day long the sun shone and helped the wind to dry the edges of the shell holes. By the early hours of the following morning it would be possible to walk between them.

The Brigadier went out to see the heavy gunners knock the dreaded machine gun emplacements to pieces. He had promised his Officers and men that this would be done As he walked up B track he passed close to where the Reserve Battalion had scratched some "funk holes" in the only patch of dry ground within sight. Not a living soul was to be seen. Every man in the Battalion knew that the slightest movement would attract the attention of the ever vigilant Bosch artillery observation officer in H——— forest and bring down a tornado of shells. Yet, it was the only possible place in which to put the Reserve Battalion. If its position was advanced it would find no cover in the swamps; if brought farther back, its advance, when required, would be observed by the Bosch, and every gun in the forest turned on it as it moved up B track.

To the headquarters of the centre Battalion the news came that the heavy gunners had postponed the destruction of the concrete emplacements until the afternoon. The wind was so high that it would not be safe to fire over the heads of our infantry.

The Commanding Officers were delighted with the turn in the weather. The wind and sun had done wonders. They thought that a continuance of the existing atmospheric conditions would put fresh heart into the already wonderfully cheerful troops. The "Going" was improving every hour. If the wind would only continue!! As the sun veered to the west, the heavy gunners would get a splendid view of the machine gun emplacements and smash them to bits. It would be a refreshing sight to see the big shells pulverise the concrete. The men in the front line would get some pretty shooting as the Bosch ran from their nests. But the Brigadier knew that, if the wind continued, the heavy gunners would not shoot; those concrete emplacements would not be destroyed; the gunners dare not risk killing our men. Then with the dawn would be offered the holocaust. Outwardly, optimistically delighted with the turn in the situation; keeping his thoughts to himself, he hurried back to Brigade Headquarters; for the guns *must* shoot, the risk of killing his own men *must* be taken; better that than to await the sacrifice of the morrow.

(To be continued).

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"The Green Howard's Gazette"
"The Hampshire Regimental Journal"
"The R.A.S.C. Journal"
"The Snapper"
"The Oak Tree"

BIRTH.

THORNEYCROFT.—On the 2nd September, at Newtown, Westbury, Wilts, the wife of Capt. G. Thorneycroft, M.C., of a daughter.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE.

MAJOR A. H. GATEHOUSE, M.C., AND MRS. COWIE.

A marriage has been arranged between Maj. Alexander Hugh Gatehouse, M.C., 5th Fusiliers, third son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gatehouse, Eaton, Church Stretton, and Helen, widow of Capt. A. G. Cowie, 2nd Batt. Seaforth Highlanders.

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following appointments are made:—

ATTD. TO HDQR. UNITS.

COMDT. (CL. S.).—Bt.-Col. C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O., North. Fusrs., and to be tempy. Brig.-Gen. whilst so emplyd., from 21st Dec., 1918, to 8th July.

BRIG.-MAJ.—Capt. C. Chipper, M.C., North. Fusrs., from a G.S.O. 3rd Grade, *vice* Capt. J. N. Lumley, M.C., 13th Hussars (dated 28th July).

DEP. ASST. PROV. MARSHAL (CL. FF).—Lieut. (tempy. Capt.) C. Jones, North. Fusrs., and to retain his tempy. rank whilst so emplyd. (dated 8th July).

STATION ACCNTNT. OFFICERS (CL. GG).—And to be tempy. Capts. while so emplyd.:—Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) G. N. Simon, Serv. Batt. North. Fusrs.; tempy. Lieut. S. D. Proffit, M.C., Serv. Batt. North. Fusrs.

The following relinquish their appointments:—

A.G.'s AND Q.M.G.'s STAFF.

D.A.Q.M.G.—Capt. and Bt. Maj. K. G. Williams, North. Fusrs., and relinquishes tempy. rank of Maj. (dated 5th Aug.).

HDQS. FOR EMBARKATION DUTIES.

ASST. EMB. STAFF OFFICER (CL. GG.).—Lieut. A. B. Surtees, North. Fusrs. (dated 14th Aug.).

GENERAL STAFF.

G.S.O., 2ND GRADE.—Lieut. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., 6th Batt. North. Fusrs. (T.F.), and relinquishes the tempy. rank of Maj. (dated 5th Jany.).

RLY. TRANS. OFFR. (CL. FF).—Maj. B. E. Hervey-Bathurst, 3rd Batt. North. Fusrs., Spec. Res. (dated 5th Aug.).

ESTABLISHMENTS.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE.

The following appointment is made:—

ASST. COMMDT. (G.S.O.).—Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. A. C. Girdwood, C.M.G., D.S.O., North. Fusrs., and to be tempy. Col. while so emplyd., *vice* Lieut.-Col. W. H. Trevor, D.S.O., E. Kent R., who relinquishes tempy. rank of Col. (dated 1st Aug.).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Maj. I. M. Bonham-Carter, O.B.E., is placed on the h.p. List, and retains his present employment with the R.A.F. (dated 3rd Sept.).

Lieut. J. Smith, 6th Batt., T.F., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (dated 16th July).

Lieut. A. H. Porter-Hargreaves resigns his commsn. (dated 10th Sept.); 2nd-Lieut. W. R. T. Cole, retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 10th Sept.).

Tempy. Capt. T. L. Browne, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 17th April), and retains the rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. J. Snee, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 22nd June), and retains the rank of Lieut.

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Tempy. Lieut. B. H. W. Ridley relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 21st June), and retains rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. W. M. Bowler relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 6th Aug.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. Forbes to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 18th June), with prec. next below R. L. B. Shutt; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. C. Todd resigns his commsn. (dated 4th Sept.).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—W. MacGregor, with prec. next below G. Jackson, D. Cowan, with prec. next above W. Blenkinsop, M.C. (dated 1st Feby.). Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. (tempy. Lieut. while spec. emplyd.) F. L. Hurn, from Gen. List, to be tempy. 2nd-Lieut. (with seniority from 20th April, 1917), and retains present appt. and tempy. rank of Lieut. (dated 23rd July); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. F. L. Hurn to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 10th Oct., 1918).

Tempy. Lieut. J. C. Brown relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 7th Sept.) and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Maj. W. J. Leeming, from 17th Transport Workers' Batt., E. York R., to be tempy. Maj. (dated 1st Aug., with seniority from 19th Jany., 1919); tempy. Capt. A. W. D. Mark, D.S.O., M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 16th April), and retains rank of Capt.

Tempy. Lieut. E. B. Ellis relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 3rd June), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. C. Firth to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 28th May, with prec. next above W. Gerrard).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. O. Eden to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st May), with prec. next below J. W. C. Hawkings.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. C. D. Cater to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 18th June), with prec. next below A. Orange, M.C., M.M.

Tempy. Maj. E. Thompson relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 23rd Sept.), and retains rank of Maj.; tempy. Lieut. G. A. Armson relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 14th Aug.), and retains rank of Lieut. (Substituted for *Gazette* notification 13th Aug.).

Tempy. Lieut.-Col. W. D. V. O. King, D.S.O. (late Capt., A.S.C.) relinquishes his commsn. on ceasing to cmnd. 17th Batt. (dated 21st Aug.), and retains the rank of Lieut.-Col.; tempy. Maj. (actg. Lieut.-Col. while spec. emplyd.) R. H. T. Jobson, from Gen. List, to be tempy. Maj. (with seniority from 15th June, 1915), and retains present appt. and the actg. rank of Lieut.-Col. (dated 12th May); tempy. Capt. S. A. Holman relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 10th May), and retains the rank of Capt.

H. J. Priestland (tempy. Lieut., R.A.F.) to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 9th Aug., 1918), with seniority from 28th March, 1917. (Substituted for *Gazette* notification 12th June, describing name as H. H. Priestland.) The notification regarding tempy. Lieut. C. Morgan in *Gazette* 8th July, is cancelled. Tempy. Lieut. C.

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Morgan relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. (addl.), 14th Batt., 22nd April. (Substituted for *Gazette* notification 16th May).

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The following relinquishes his commsn. on ceasing to be emplyd.:—Capt. P. Sidney, North. Fusrs. (dated 2nd Sept.).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

4th Batt.—Lieut. T. Jones relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 30th Aug.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. A. L. Croudace to be Lieut. (dated 28th May); 2nd-Lieut. T. C. A. Hill to be Lieut. (dated 18th June); 2nd-Lieut. H. Stewart to be Lieut., and to remain seconded (dated 30th July); 2nd-Lieut. H. S. Libstein to be Lieut., and to remain seconded (dated 24th Aug.).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. A. N. Lawson to be Lieut. (dated 26th March).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. H. J. Bailes to be Lieut., and to remain seconded (dated 28th May).

5th Batt. 2nd-Lieut. O. Fawcett is restored to estbt. (dated 6th Aug.).

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. E. N. Emmerson to be Lieut. (dated 17th Dec., 1918); 2nd-Lieut. R. G. Quiroga to be Lieut. (dated 18th June).

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. J. J. Rewcastle, M.C., to be Lieut. (dated 28th May); 2nd-Lieut. H. Raybould to be Lieut. (dated 18th June); 2nd-Lieut. T. A. C. Holmes to be Lieut. (dated 30th July).

5th Batt.—Lieut. F. J. Chittenden is restored to the estbt. (dated 21st March).

6th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. F. Maurice to be Lieut. (dated 28th May); 2nd-Lieut. A. Raw to be Lieut. (dated 28th May).

6th Batt.—Lieut. F. A. Mildred, M.C., is restored to estbt. (dated 1st April, 1918).

7th Batt.—Lieut. J. H. Jackson relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 2nd Sept.), and retains rank of Lieut.

7th Batt.—Lieut. A. K. Smith is restored to estbt. (dated 14th Aug.).

7th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. A. Cowen to be Lieut. (dated 18th June).

36th Batt.—Lieut. E. M. Benjamin, 5th Yorks R., is restored to the estbt. (dated 7th July).

GARRISON BATTALION.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

1st Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Capt. E. H. M. Greville to be actg. Maj. while sec.-in-cmnd. of the Batt. (dated 1st Aug.).

LABOUR CORPS.

Lieut. (actg. Capt.) J. C. Whyte (North. Fusrs) to be tempy. Lieut.-Col. while cmndg. Labour Group (dated 22nd April).

MACHINE GUN CORPS.

The date of the relinquishment of his appt. and the actg. rank of Maj. by Capt. J. A. Herriott, 4th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F., is 13th Feby., and not as in *Gazette* 12th June.

MEMORANDA.

Tempy. Lieut. J. K. Murphy (North. Fusrs., Serv. Batt.) relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy., 86th Trng. Res. Batt. (dated 20th Feby.).

Tempy. Lieut G. T. Sheridan (North. Fusrs., Serv. Batt.), relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy., 85th Trng. Res. Batt. (dated 17th April).

HONOURS.

WAR OFFICE,
9th September, 1919.

The name of the following has been brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War for valuable services rendered whilst a prisoner of war:—

Lieut.-Col. S. H. Enderby, North. Fusrs.

WAR OFFICE,
28th August, 1919.

The name of the following has been brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War for valuable services rendered in connection with the war:—

Capt. D. K. McComb, 4th Batt. (T.F.), attd. 35th Batt. North Fusrs. (T.F.).

WAR OFFICE,
22nd September, 1919.

The King has been pleased to approve of the award of the Meritorious Service Medal to the following Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and men, in recognition of valuable services rendered with the British Forces in Mesopotamia:—

No. 48627 Sgt. (actg. C.Q.M.S.) G. H. Rendall, 2nd (G) Batt. (Exmouth)
„ 48913 Sgt. (actg. R.S.M.) R. E. Richman, 2nd (G) Batt. (Plaistow)
„ 48657 Cpl. H. D. Till, 2nd (G) Batt. (Weston-super-Mare)
„ 26807 Pte. (actg. C.Q.M.S.) H. C. P. Barker, 2nd (G) Batt. ([E] Maritzberg)
„ 206339 Pte. (actg. Sgt.) J. D. Barnicott, 2nd (G) Batt. (Tooting)
„ 63058 Pte. (actg. Sgt.) A. J. Freeman, 2nd (G) Batt. (Leicester)
„ 62824 Pte. (actg. Sgt.) F. J. Gidley, 2nd (G) Batt. (Worcester Park)
„ 64066 Pte. (actg. Sgt.) M. Hawkesworth, 2nd (G) Batt. (Nantwich)
„ 27104 Pte. (actg. R.Q.M.S.) F. Holden, 2nd (G) Batt. (Oldham)
„ 63057 Pte. (actg. Sgt.) A. Johnson, 2nd (G) Batt. (Leicester)
„ 49321 Pte. (Lce.-Cpl.) W. Mathieson, 2nd (G) Batt. (Lochgelly)
„ 48895 Pte. (actg. Cpl.) E. W. Moore, 2nd (G) Batt. (Norwich)
„ 63055 Pte. W. H. Randall 2nd (G) Batt. (Leicester)

Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

GUADALOUPE BARRACKS,
BORDON,
30th September, 1919.

Since last we wrote we have again changed our quarters and have now arrived at Bordon, where we hope to spend a few useful and enjoyable years.

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It is very pleasant to feel that the Battalion will soon once more be able to settle down to pre-war conditions and nothing could be nicer than to see the silver and grand old pictures again taking their proper places among us.

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All this picture hanging, etc., however, means a good deal of thinking out and hard work on the part of our P.M.C. and his accomplices.

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Nothing of importance happened during the early part of the month except that we were sorry to lose many old

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friends who were taken from us by the indefatigable efforts of the demobilisation authorities.

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The above mentioned staff have turned their attentions to the rank and file since our arrival at Bordon, in addition to which, a draft to Egypt under Capt. Mitchell, has further depleted our man-power.

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The move on the 8th turned out to be a remarkably simple one. The Battalion moved in two parties, both leaving Durrington the same morning; the first, with the Colours, arrived in the early afternoon under Bt.-Col. C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O., and were played to barracks by the Band of the 2nd Batt. Manchester Regiment. The second party marched in three hours later under Bt.-Lieut.-Col. W. Wild, D.S.O., and were played to barracks by the Drums of the 3rd Batt. Royal Fusiliers.

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Having taken over our new quarters from the East Surrey Regiment, we find that there is every chance of our stay here being a pleasant one; although we have been given to understand that there are a certain number among our younger members who will sadly miss the flesh (pots?) of Salisbury. However, it is to be hoped that even they will reconcile themselves to the rather less thrilling surroundings in which they now find themselves.

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There seems every prospect of our getting some good football in the near future, and it will not be our fault if the lawn tennis and cricket grounds do not provide us with some excellent amusement next year, as at present many of us, armed with table forks, are spending our days making vigorous attacks on the plantains which abound in these parts.

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Our other forms of exercise are golf and riding, and some of us hope to get some rough shooting a little later on.

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Many of us are hoping to attend a concert to-night given by members of St. Dunstan's Hostel, in aid of the blind.

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Our P.M.C., Maj. Cruddas, D.S.O., has left to command the Depôt.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Since our last notes we have lost a few old members. C.S.M. Winteringham and C.Q.M.S. Litchfield to the 40th Battalion and Q.M.S. Smith to pension.

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The details of the 2nd Battalion have been posted to us, which balances our number of members for we are losing them rapidly owing to demobilization being in full swing.

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We have not attempted to make the Mess look homely yet as we are waiting for the 1st Batt. Sergeants' Mess property to arrive from storage in Portsmouth.

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Everything points to Peace Time now, the Master Tailor in his mufti and the general conversation "Married Quarters."

The Manchester Regiment Sergeants' Mess gave a Whist Drive and Dance and sent invitations to the members of our Mess, we hope to be able to repay the compliment as soon as we get quite settled.

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We played the Corporals at football, the result being a win for the Sergeants by two goals to nil.

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The following Officers have left the Battalion:—

Capt. (T.) J. S. J. Robson	Demob.	28/8/19
Capt. (T.) W. C. Simpson, Commandant, Detention Barracks, Devizes		8/9/19
Tempy. Capt. G. Nesbit, M.C.,	Demob.	8/9/19
Lieut. (S.R.) C. B. Carrick, M.C.	Demob.	8/9/19
Tempy. Lieut. O. H. Cheffins	South Russian Mission	26/8/19
,, J. W. Makepeace	Demob.	28/8/19
,, F. P. Clarke, D.C.M.	,,	28/8/19
,, C. G. W. Wailing	,,	2/9/19
Lieut. C. H. Steel	To 2nd Battalion	5/9/19
,, W. Pattison	,,	5/9/19
2nd-Lieut. G. C. Humphries	,,	5/9/19
Lieut. (S.R.) J. L. Boughton	Demob.	15/9/19
Tempy. Lieut. N. B. Armstrong	,,	6/9/19
,, F. M. Rothermel	,,	6/9/19
,, H. H. Barton	,,	6/9/19
,, J. H. Evans	,,	6/9/19
,, S. Hughson	,,	8/9/19
,, A. H. Oxtoby	,,	12/9/19
,, A. C. Leah	,,	13/9/19
Lieut. (T.) R. G. Quiroga	,,	13/9/19
Tempy. Lieut. and Qrmr. J. Hutton	,,	15/9/19
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. Hon. E. C. Crofton	,,	27/8/19
,, J. Thompson	,,	28/8/19
,, E. D. Surtees	,,	13/9/19
Maj. R. M. R. Lamb, D.S.O., posted to 2nd Batt.		19/9/19
Maj. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., posted to Depôt		19/9/19

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The following Officers joined the Battalion:—

Capt. P. Sidney	18/9/19
Lieut. G. E. Fenwick, M.C.	15/9/19
,, G. J. W. Gatehouse	20/9/19
2nd-Lieut. H. G. B. Styran	1/9/19
,, C. S. Graham	1/9/19
,, C. E. J. Whitting	1/9/19

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The following Officers have been posted:—

Capt. E. E. Dorman-Smith, M.C.	Lieut. R. E. D. O'Dowd
Lieut. B. Grew	2nd-Lieut. C. Elders

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List of Warrant Officers and Sergeants joining the 1st Battalion from 25th August to 22nd September, 1919:—

No.	9154	C.S.M. Vines, joined from Depôt		28/8/19
,,	3714	Sgt. J. Doolan, joined from No. 6 Prov. Coy		2/9/19
,,	1416	Actg. C.S.M. J. Reed, joined from Depôt		2/9/19
,,	2346	Actg. Q.M.S. J. Wardle (O.R.S.), joined from Depôt		1/9/19
,,	9148	Sgt. W. Warriner, joined from 1st Battalion		3/9/19
,,	18687	Sgt. J. Skinner, joined from 1st T.R.B.		3/9/19
,,	308536	Sgt. J. Midgley, joined from Chinese Labour Corps		12/9/19
,,	1264	C.Q.M.S. A. E. Boston, joined from 2nd Batt.		12/9/19
,,	3785	Lce.-Sgt. F. G. Reed	,, ,,	12/9/19
,,	22/1556	Sgt. T. N. Patterson	,, ,,	12/9/19
,,	88962	Sgt. F. N. Calvert	,, ,,	12/9/19
,,	8851	Sgt. G. W. Reynolds	,, ,,	12/9/19
,,	2384	Sgt. T. Sutton	,, ,,	12/9/19
,,	8968	C.S.M. A. B. Wilford	,, ,,	12/9/19
,,	2227	Sgt. W. H. Oliver	,, ,,	12/9/19
,,	1457	Sgt. P. E. Gale	,, ,,	12/9/19
,,	3829	Sgt. R. Moore	,, ,,	12/9/19
,,	3767	Sgt. C. Brown	,, ,,	12/9/19
,,	21178	C.S.M. W. G. Pack	,, ,,	12/9/19
,,	21178	C.S.M. W. G. Pack, appointed Q.M.S. (O.R.S.)		13/9/19
,,	3188	Sgt. R. Barnett, rejoined		14/9/19
,,	3188	Sgt. R. Barnett, died		22/9/19

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2ND BATTALION NOTES.

H.M.T. *Derbyshire*,

18th September, 1919.

The casual stranger visiting London in the closing days of last month might have been puzzled to account for the feverish activity which reigned in the West End. Taxis dashing through the streets; telephone exchanges dealing with frantic calls; tailors, boot makers, gun makers in a state of nervous prostration trying to clear their shops of mobs of desperate men clamouring for the immediate delivery of khaki drill, ammunition and tropical outfit in general.

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The explanation of these wild scenes could have been found in a W.O. wire advancing the dates of embarkation of various Units by about ten days. In the bitterness of such moments a distorted view is apt to be taken of the necessity of such orders; a mental picture (entirely false) is formed of the young Staff Officer bored with the novel he is reading taking up his pen and idly writing "Re embarkation, for 16th September read 7th September." Such reflections it is to be feared prompted the action of one Officer who on being refused ammunition for his sporting rifle at a gunsmith's shop seized a ferocious looking hunting knife from the counter, and with "I'll take this," dashed from the shop to his taxi and shouted "War Office."

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Who wouldn't change places with the private soldier on these occasions? If he is not supplied with his khaki, or haversack, or water bottle it is not *his* fault at any rate. His troubles are reduced to attempting to wind a red puggaree round a helmet to a given number of inches and folds in record time, and being told that any fool could do it! The next most fortunate individual is the married Officer who has only to cuss and swear and get in the way, while someone else packs up for him and clears up the mess he leaves behind. To an unbiased mind it is the wretched bachelor Officer, who has to do *everything* for himself, who calls for pity.

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In these days it is customary to howl for a bonus or gratuity to compensate one for every little inconvenience.

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If in this instance such compensation is contemplated, a fair assessment would be: Married Officer, ½d.; Private Soldier, ¾d.; Bachelor Officer, £1,000.

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The rush which got us successfully embarked at Liverpool on the 7th September was so great that it was not possible to notify all our friends of the alteration in date and it is only to be hoped that none went down on the 16th patiently to await our arrival from Catterick.

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The Left Half Battalion was played down to Catterick Station by the Band of the 2nd Durham Light Infantry, and on our arrival at Liverpool Docks a Band of the King's Own Regiment livened things up for us while we loaded the baggage, and continued playing till 6 p.m., when to the cheers of a large crowd which had assembled on Princes Landing we cast off and our own Band struck up Auld Lang Syne.

We dropped down the Mersey on a beautiful Sunday evening, speeded on our way by the Cock-a-doodle-doo from the syrens of the numerous British and United States vessels we passed.

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We have had a perfect voyage to date, one night only being at all unpleasant when it was necessary to batten down hatches. The *Derbyshire* is a model troopship and everything possible is done for the comfort of the troops by her master, Captain Midgley, and the ship's company.

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For amusements we have firstly the Band and Drums, which prove a great asset and we have held one very successful concert. A Company competition is also in progress which ranges from Boxing and Tug-o'-War to Draughts and Whist. This is still in the stage of eliminating trials and should see us through the voyage before the Finals are reached.

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Serious boxing is not to start till we pass Suez, in the meantime competitors are getting fit by sparring bouts in the evening, brightened occasionally by the settlement of some discussion to which satisfactory decision has not been found possible by words down below on the troop deck.

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Maj. Humphrey, R.A.M.C., and Chaplain Beal are attached to the Battalion for the voyage and there are in addition numerous saloon passengers who are being repatriated to various countries in the East. We have to thank a group of the latter, who conceal their identity under the name of Divinity Corner, for a most generous donation towards prizes in our Company Competition.

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We are due to arrive at Port Said early to-morrow morning. Thence we sail to Bombay, where under present arrangements we tranship for Mesopotamia.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

21st September, 1919.

Congratulations are due to Maj. Holderness, Lieut. Watts and R.S.M. Ouzman on their "mentions." The first named has proceeded to the Depôt for duty where the last two had preceded him. Capts. Creswell, Hobbs and Hodgson are still at Catterick "finishing up" after the departure of the 2nd Battalion to Mesopotamia.

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Capt. Nesbitt, M.C., and Lieuts. Carrick, M.C., and Stevenson have been demobilized. Lieut. Stevenson has served continuously with the Battalion since 1916, the greater part of the time as Assistant-Adjutant, and possesses a unique knowledge of the thousands of Officers who passed through the Battalion during those years. His deadly "slows" will not easily be forgotten by those who played against the Battalion 1st XI. at cricket at Boldon and on Salisbury Plain.

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Talking of cricket, Lieut. D. C. F. Burton is to be congratulated on the success of the Yorkshire County XI. during the past season under his captaincy. When Yorkshire lost the Whit Monday match with Lancashire at Old Trafford their chances of standing first among the Counties

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at the end of the season did not seem very good. However, as time went on the team grew stronger and, after all, Yorkshire finished up the season after its last match with Kent as Champion County, with a total of 26 matches played, 12 won, 3 lost and 11 drawn. According to the system adopted to determine the championship this season only wins count, first honours going to the county having the largest percentage of wins to matches played. Lieut. Burton, after captaining the Battalion XI. during two highly successful seasons in 1916 and 1917, assumed the mantle previously worn by such men as Lord Hawke and Sir A. White and re-entered first-class cricket in 1919 as Captain of Yorkshire and, as shown above, successfully piloted the Yorkshire team to the head of the County Championship list. He also secured a highly satisfactory place in the first-class batting averages. It is not recorded that he ever found himself in the position of being "a man short" as on a certain historic occasion at Boldon!

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Capt. R. V. Taylor has left the Depôt on disembodiment. Capt. Taylor served with both the 1st and 2nd Battalions in France and after being Bombing Officer, O.C. A Coy., and Demobilization Officer with the 3rd Battalion, was appointed Adjutant in March, 1919, in succession to Maj. Thornton. His duties at the Depôt are being carried out for the time being by Capt. Freeman, who began his connection with the Regiment with the 3rd Battalion in 1914.

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Q.M.S. Wardle has rejoined the 1st Battalion as Orderly Room Sergeant, and Sgt.-Drmr. Slater is still with that Battalion until a Drum-Major is appointed, when he will return to Newcastle to take up his duties as Sergt.-Drummer of the 3rd Battalion.

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The Colours returned to the Depôt on Monday, 8th September. They were deposited there on the embodiment of the Battalion in August, 1914, and were taken out by the Battalion in January, 1919, after the conclusion of the Armistice.

C.P.H.

DEPOT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
24th September, 1919.

During the past month the strength of the Depôt has been dwindling. A strong draft was sent to join the 2nd Battalion before its embarkation for Mesopotamia, while another was sent to join the 1st Battalion.

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Recruiting for the Regiment is now confined to the county.

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Capt. W. P. Rushbrooke, D.S.O., joined the Depôt from the 2nd Battalion on the 8th for duty. We shall endeavour to do our best to initiate him into the mysteries of the local dialect.

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Maj. G. C. Holderness, an old friend of the Depôt, joined on the 23rd for temporary duty. As he is a very energetic athlete we shall look for some of his prowess in the days to come.

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Yet another upheaval has taken place in the departure of Maj. R. Auld, who relinquished the command to Maj. B. Cruddas, D.S.O. It has ever been so in the life of the Army. When one thinks he is at rest for at least a couple of years a ruthless Staff disturbs your quiet by launching one of those innocent pink forms upon you, in this case, changing one's habitation to the other side of the world. However, we are all very sorry to part with him, and what is our loss we must bear seeing it is for the 2nd Battalion's good. We wish him "*Bon voyage.*"

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While on the one hand parting with Maj. Auld we extend a welcome to Maj. Cruddas, D.S.O., who is by no means a stranger to us, and we hope he may have more luck in his sojourn among us.

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Lieut. T. Taylor, East Yorks. Regiment, who has been fulfilling the duties of Quarter-Master to the Depôt, having handed over his charge to Maj. W. M. Allan, O.B.E., leaves us to be demobilized.

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All this time the old sentinel, in the Institute Building at the North End of the Barrack Square, has been quietly "ticking off" the time, which after all determines our days for us.

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The receipt of the Army Orders improving the pay and pensions of Officers and men has been largely debated and sundry Officers have been seen with pencil and paper calculating their chances. The general result has evidently given much satisfaction all round. The bachelors are wondering how soon they may change their present state!!

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One may say that no more popular Army Order has ever previously been issued. There should not now be any difficulty in obtaining recruits for the Army once such liberal terms are understood. When the advantages are appreciated one hopes before long to see Recruiters having to choose their men from the queues of applicants for service.

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On the afternoon of the 10th the R.F.A. Square presented quite a gala appearance where a grand stand had been erected, resplendent with bunting. Lieut.-Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., Commanding Northern Command, presented quite a number of medals to both demobbed and serving soldiers. The troops formed three sides of a square in front, while the recipients, together with their relatives, were accommodated with seats in the hollow facing the Stand. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Officers of the R.F.A. and 5th/68th R.D. were at home in their Messes, while the families of the demobbed were entertained to tea in Barracks. Sgt.-Maj. Dresser was the only representative of the Depôt to receive a medal on this occasion.

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During the month we have had visits from Maj.-Gen. P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., and Maj. B. T. St. John and we were glad to see both looking so well.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The first Dance of the season of the combined Depôts, 5th/68th, was held on the night of the 19th. Owing to the Gymnasium being in the hands of the renovators, we

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had to hold this Dance in the Mess, and a very pleasant evening was spent. It was indeed a treat to be able to entertain the Ladies of the Regiment again, just like old times, and we hope to have the pleasure of their company at least once a month during the winter, although it is quite on the cards that we have a Whist Drive and Social on the first Friday of each month, which of course will make another night for our ladies. "More power to them." The dancing was excellent. We have a very good Committee, the representatives of the FIFTH being C.S.M. Prophet, who makes a very hard working President, and C.Q.M.S. Redhead and Sgt. Fenemore, who are all that can be desired as M.C.'s. Capital songs were rendered during the evening by R.S.M. Dresser and ex-C.Q.M.S. Phillipson, of the FIFTH, and C.S.M. Padden, C.Q.M.S. Lichfield (Charlie Chaplin) and Sgt. Pickard, of the 68th.

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We are now the proud possessors of one of the Regimental "Orders of Merit," dated 1767. This has been kindly presented to the W.O.'s and Sergeants of the Depôt by the family of the late Col.-Sgt. Woodruff, R.M.L.I., who had this medal in their possession. The medal is going to be placed in a frame with a suitable inscription, and will find a prominent place in the Sergeants' Mess. Unfortunately we are unable to ascertain to whom this medal was originally presented, and the Sergt.-Major will be grateful if any reader of the *Gazette* can throw any light upon it. It is one of the 1st Class of the Order (*i.e.*, for seven years good conduct), and in a splendid state of preservation.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

We are not quite in full swing with football yet but we hope to make a start early next month. We have entered two Company Teams in the Tyne Garrison Football League and hope to play our first match the first week in October. There is a shield and two sets of medals for the winners and runners up.

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No. 1 and 2 Coys. have had several friendly matches and the former having won all except one which resulted in a draw.

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A weak Depôt team played No. 2 Reserve Battery R.F.A. on the 18th and after scoring the first goal we lost 1—3. Had it not been for the fine goal-keeping of Sgt. Fenemore and the hard work of our old war horse, C.S.M. Cochran, the defeat might have been greater.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

The first re-union of the 7th Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers (T.) was held at Berwick on the 13th September, when over 80 Officers and men of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd lines of the Regiment sat down to supper. The toast of "The 7th N.F." was proposed by Maj. Towers Robertson, V.D., D.L.

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Col. Reavell and Lieut.-Col. Liddell replied on behalf of the Battalion.

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The toast of the visitors was given by Maj. Smail and responded to by Major Wright, Morpeth, and Lieut. Casey, M.C.

9TH (N.H.) BATTALION NOTES.

ROUXMESNIL,
19th September, 1919.

Now that "Demob" has started again the Company Office and the Demob. Office present a daily scene of much activity, in fact rumour hath it that certain Officers have appeared very aged of late, and night and day shifts are in contemplation. Nearly 300 men have left us, including three of our Company Quartermaster Sergeants, namely, C.Q.M.S. Collins, C.Q.M.S. Ayton, D.C.M., of C Coy., and C.Q.M.S. Priestman, of D Coy.

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Those who have the privilege (?) of commanding a Company in these days of Voluminous Parade States realise what a competent Company Staff means, and how difficult it is to replace them, but however—congratulations to one of our Educational Instructors on his promotion.

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"Just the man for the job" is the opinion of all who know him.

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The following Officers have joined the "long, long trail" during the past month:—Lieuts. W. E. Johnson, R. J. Knight, G. W. E. Pringle, E. Tovell; 2nd-Lieuts. J. S. Waring, W. L. E. Bland, M.C., G. T. C. Colborne, and last, but not least, Capt. L. A. Venables of "Cologne" fame.

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Our footballers and cricketers, too, have nearly all left us, and by this time are indulging (at least we hope so) in grim earnest in the "Greater Game."

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One more Detachment has sprung into being during this last month making our number now quite 30; no wonder the Colonel's light burns so long at nights. We have now left the peaceful sanctuary of Martin Eglise and the Forest of Arques, and find ourselves in the midst of W.A.A.C.'s, "Chinks" and other weird branches of the Service at Rouxmesnil Camp, and since our arrival here have spent our spare time cleaning and renovating, etc.

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Our Brigadier has left us during the past month, also our Divisional General and many of their staffs also.

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Perhaps this will help to clear up the mystery of the procession of Sergt.-Majors to the Orderly Room heavily laden with books and the very late hours our Orderly Room Sergeant has been keeping.

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17TH BATTALION NOTES.

Some 1,200 Officers and men of the 17th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers (N.E.R. Pioneers) were entertained at Hull on the 13th September by the Directors of the North-Eastern Railway Company in appreciation of their work in France, and in celebration of their safe return. Sir Alexander Kaye Butterworth, General Manager of the N.E.R., presided.

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Meritorious Service Medals were presented to Sgt.-Maj. G. C. Street, Newcastle, and Sgt. I. Moore, of Hull.

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Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
30th September, 1919.

We received the accompanying photograph of the 1919 "Army Eight" and we feel sure that it will interest all to see that two 5th Fusiliers, namely, Major Lynch Staunton, who captained the team, and Capt. S. V. A. Baily, who very kindly sent us the photograph, are members thereof.

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We must apologise for the late issue of this number and for any omissions therein, but don't blame us, blame the railwaymen.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Lieut. J. I. Atkinson
W. Boyd, Esq.
Cpl. S. Carter
Col. E. W. Dashwood
2nd-Lieut. R. C. Elliott
Lieut.-Col. Gathorne Hardy, D.S.O.
2nd-Lieut. W. Harvey
Mrs. Jones
Miss E. G. Johnstone
2nd-Lieut. C. H. Mitchell
Lieut.-Col. E. M. Moulton-Barrett, D.S.O.
Capt. H. A. Ryott
Gen. Shoubridge, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.
Maj. T. F. M. Smart
Lieut. W. Smart
Capt. Clive Smith
Lieut. W. Watson
Lieut. and Qrmr. J. W. White

THE DECISION.

BY GREEN JACKET.

Extract from Field Service Regulations, Part 1:—

(Concluded from page 116.)

The C.R.A. declined to risk firing the "heavies," but the 6-inch would knock out the machine guns before dark, and give them a few rounds at Zero. The Corps thought that the Brigadier over estimated the danger from the emplacements. The Brigadier hoped that the Corps and the C.R.A. were right. He prayed that it might be so. Meanwhile it was obvious that his fears must be kept to himself, and every unit inspired with confidence in its ability to reach all objectives.

Before nightfall the 6-inch fired a few shots. The wind was against good shooting, and little resulted. However, the weather might be more suitable in the morning. A few good shots then would do wonders.

Night was enveloping the swamps in her cloak of darkness. The wind, abated, was now nothing more than a gentle breeze; as if resting after its good work of the day. Was it good work? pondered the Brigadier.

The shades of night brought swarms of men from dug-outs and funk-holes; like so many ants, they moved about to stretch their cramped, numbed limbs; to repair the damage done by shell fire during the day; to carry food and munitions forward; to extend A and B tracks nearer the front line in anticipation of the success that would come with the dawn. All had to be done in the hours of darkness, even well behind the front line system, for the Bosch had command of the air. There had been a strike in the great aircraft factories away in distant England.

THE 1919 "ARMY EIGHT" TEAM.

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2 a.m. It was raining heavily. By 4 a.m. all the good work of the wind and sun of the previous day had been nulified. At six o'clock the attack would commence.

The Brigadier stood in the rain at the entrance to his Headquarters looking at his watch. Suddenly the semi-darkness was lit by the blaze of hundreds of guns. It was Zero hour. The Brigade would be "over the top."

It had ceased to rain.

The telephone brought the news that part of the left Battalion had reached its objective. The centre and right Battalions had failed. The men could not keep up with the barrage. The machine guns in the concrete emplacements had shot them down. With magnificent gallantry the Officers led the supporting Companies over the sea of mud in countless attempts to accomplish the impossible. Men, falling wounded into the shell holes, were drowned. A few, very few, reached the emplacements; but a rifle and bayonet is of no avail against concrete; a few minutes, and they were all picked off by the Bosch snipers.

There was one chance. If the left Battalion could be reinforced, the Commanding Officer thought he could carry the emplacement by a flank attack. A Company of the Reserve Battalion advanced. It had not covered half the distance toward its objective before it ceased to exist as a unit.

It was mid-day. The Division reported that a British aeroplane had observed the centre and right Battalions to be lying in shell holes a hundred yards from the emplacements and that the left Battalion had made little or no progress. It is easy to see men lying on the ground from an aeroplane; but it is difficult to decide if they are dead or alive. The Brigadier knew that they were dead. He knew that elements of the left Battalion had reached their objective.

A few moments later the Division rang up again giving verbal orders from the Corps for the Brigade to renew the attack with all available troops at 2 p.m. under the cover of the fire from the guns of the Corps. The Brigadier explained the situation. The Corps had been misinformed, he was sure. The lines of men seen by the air observer were lines of dead men. The left Battalion had made progress; the condition of the ground rendered an advance impracticable. The only available troops were those of the Reserve Battalion. Any forward movement by that Battalion would be observed by the enemy and draw the concentrated fire of his artillery; its advance over swamps could not be accomplished at a greater rate than a hundred yards in ten minutes. No man could attempt it and live. The suggested line on which our artillery was to fire would pass through the positions (captured at what a cost?) now occupied by perhaps twenty men of the left battalion.

The Division would submit the Brigadier's objections to the Corps. Meanwhile orders must be issued for the attack.

The Corps did not agree with the Brigadier. A second aeroplane had confirmed the report of its predecessor. The attack must take place. It was of vital importance to the plans of the Army Commander that the edge of the forest and the emplacements should be in our hands before sunset. It was not possible for the Brigadier to have better information than that obtained by the airmen. They could see, he could not.

Another hour and the attack would take place. There are times when a man knows that he is right in spite of all evidence to the contrary. The Brigadier knew that he was right; but the success of the attack was of "vital importance to the plans." Two hundred lives given up now might mean the saving of thousands in the future. If, in spite of his fears, the attack should succeed, great credit would come to him, for the Corps knew the difficulties. The Army Commander had set his heart on the capture of the edge of the forest. In his opinion nothing but a miracle could bring that about. Then he thought of the twenty brave men of the left Battalion who had gained their objectives. It was impossible to indicate their exact position to the artillery. They would have to take their chance of being killed—killed by the deliberate action of their Brigadier after a display of gallantry never surpassed in the annals of our armies. Would his men ever trust him again? Would he ever merit their trust? Ten days ago he had been made a brigadier-general. What a splendid future there was in front of him! If the attack failed—what matter—he was not responsible—he could not be blamed! If he refused to attack, he would run the risk of a Court Martial. If it succeeded.....It could not succeed.

The Brigadier took the telephone.

"Is that the Division?"

"Yes."

"I cannot order the attack to take place."

"But this is an order from the Corps; you must obey it."

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"Should a subordinate find it necessary to depart from an order, he should at once inform the issuer of it."

The Brigadier hesitated. Every moment was of the utmost importance. He again took up the telephone,

"Tell the Corps that I respectfully refuse to order the attack."

The Brigade Major said: "Thank God."

From the *Newcastle Daily Journal*:—

A MEMORY OF THE SOMME.

HIGH WOOD BATTLE.

By An Officer Who Was There.

The organised slaughter known as the First Battle of the Somme, began on the 1st July, 1916, and it was soon realised by the British Armies in France that each Unit in rotation would have its turn in the grim struggle.

The 149th (Northumberland Territorial) Infantry Brigade, consisting of the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Batts. Northumberland Fusiliers, under the command of Brig.-Gen. H. F. Clifford, D.S.O., was at this time in the northern area, and received orders on the 11th August, 1916, to entrain at Bailleul for the south.

There was a general feeling of relief throughout the Brigade as soon as the order was known. The wearing routine of trench warfare in the salient, the sitting down under days and nights of aerial torpedoes and intermittent shelling, without any possibility of active reply on the part of the Brigade, had produced a deadening effect on the minds of all, but now Sanctuary Wood, Mount Sorrel, 47S., C.T.39, the Cutting, the Dump, the N.'s, O.'s and P.'s were things of the past, and were consigned to the limbo of the forgotten, with their almost uncounted dead of the last fourteen months.

The Brigade detrained at Doullens with the rest of the 50th Division, and marched eastwards, arriving at Henencourt Wood on the 17th August, 1916. From here, after three weeks' training for the coming attack, the Brigade

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passed through Albert and moved up into the battle zone with the rest of the Division.

The frontage assigned to the Northumberland Fusiliers Territorials for the assault on the 15th September, 1916, was one of the most difficult ever faced by that Brigade. The ground allotted had been fought over and battered, with very little gain to us, ever since the great advance on the 15th July, 1916. The whole area was heaped with dead, and unfortunately for the Brigade, there were absolutely no land marks to direct the attack. Furthermore, the attack was not laid down by G.H.Q. on the attack order plans as straightforward, but was slightly oblique and inclined to the north.

On the south-east or right flank, frowned High Wood (Bois de Foureaux), full of German machine guns in covered emplacements, and the general aspect of the country to be stormed by the Brigade was merely a brown, tortured, whale-backed ridge, the highest part of the Somme battlefield, with an unseen country beyond.

Each night the Battalion working parties moved to the "jumping off" area and feverishly dug the narrow assembly trenches, taped out for the Brigade in front of Clarks Trench, our most advanced line, and each night they were shelled with a persistent fury that showed the Germans were aware of their labours in the front zone.

On the 11th September, at 7.25 a.m., Brig.-Gen. Clifford was shot through the heart by a German sniper, while personally reconnoitring Bethal Sap on the right, and in front of the partially dug assembly trenches, in an endeavour to ascertain for his Brigade some defined objectives for the attack on the 15th, and thus died a typical example of a gallant English gentleman. Gen. Clifford had commanded the Brigade since the 29th June, 1915, and had endeared himself to all ranks by his unfailing thoughtfulness and courtesy, and his utter lack of all egotism—that curse of generals in the British Armies. Brig.-Gen. R. M. Ovens, C.M.G., was posted to the Brigade, and arrived in time to command the attack on the 15th September.

The 4th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers was allotted the right of the assault, with their right flank "in the air" and enfiladed from the very start by the High Wood enemy machine guns. The 7th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers were on the left, the 6th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers in support, and the 5th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers in reserve.

During the night of the 14th-15th September, the newly invented and untried tanks came up into the front areas and took up their positions with the infantry for the assault. Dawn broke with everybody in position and very little German shelling.

Zero time was fixed for 6.20 a.m., and with a roar the guns on the whole of the British front, 12 miles in length, and five miles in depth, opened on the German positions. The sound of the thousands of rushing shells overhead, thrown from high velocity guns and vast howitzers in the back areas, was weird and strange to hear, and the German positions spouted like geysers under the impact of the steel curtain.

The three Battalions rose as one man as the barrage clapped down with a sound like rolling thunder. The 4th and 7th went forward in a wave of steel at the first line of objectives, and the 6th rushed from their assembly trenches behind the front zone to occupy the vacated "jumping off" positions in front of Clarks Trench.

Then followed a scene of butchery. The 4th and 7th were too quick for the Germans in the first objective, and went over them in an angry surge of bayonets, but the High Wood machine guns on their right had the attack marked down, and in a very few moments the sheets of bullets had shot the assault to ribbons as the two leading battalions reached the second German line of resistance. The 6th Battalion had their right flank Company shot to pieces in changing ground, and the situation was for a short time extremely critical.

D Coy. of the 6th Battalion was moved at the request of the Officer Commanding the 4th Battalion, Lieut.-Col. B. D. Gibson, from the left to the right of the Brigade attack, and was placed facing High Wood, in Bethal Sap, to meet the cross fire. The London Territorial Division was now roaring in vain against the south-east salient of the wood, and a large gap existed between the left of the London Division and the right of the 149th Brigade.

The 4th and 7th, after a furious struggle, shattered as they were by the High Wood machine guns on the right-rear and by their own opponents in front, penetrated into the enemy second line in groups and succeeded in time in clearing up the second objective, but the third and final objective was beyond their powers. The 7th captured a brand new battery of trench mortars in a road cutting on the left and bombed the Prussian Guard gun teams out of their dug-outs.

But still High Wood held up the Londoners, and D and A Coys. of the 6th Battalion were compelled to move further east and parallel to the west side of High Wood in order to bring a cross fire from their machine guns into the enemy right flank positions. This fire delivered at short range, some 400 yards or so, had a shattering effect on the enemy right rear in the wood, and 300 Germans who had had enough, came out of their trenches on the western edge of the wood with their hands up and surrendered to the now advancing Londoners.

In the moment of victory, Capt. Roy Dunford, commanding D Coy. of the 6th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, who had directed the whole containing movement from beginning to end, and saved the situation, which at one time was extremely serious, with an utter disregard for personal safety, fell shot through the body and mortally wounded as he stood on the parapet of the east end of Bethal Sap, directing the fire of the whole line on the High Wood rearward defences. He was awarded an immediate D.S.O., but did not live to wear the decoration.

It was now approaching mid-day. High Wood was swept from end to end by the London Territorials, but the three Northumberland Fusilier Battalions lay as they were, exhausted and scattered by the fury of the assault, with more than half of their Officers and men down. The 5th Battalion was held behind the captured area to deal with any counter-attack. The day dawdled to watch the vague and intermittent German shelling. Another fresh Brigade put in behind the 149th Brigade assault would have carried the German positions in depth as far as Eaucourt L'Abbeye, but the warm sunny hours passed one by one, and the hoped for "leap frog" attack hung fire in strange fashion.

As the afternoon passed the German guns took heart again and began an increasingly severe shell fire on the captured positions. By dusk the fire was very heavy, and at a late hour in the night a fresh Brigade came up in the

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darkness and confusion and attempted an advance, to suffer very heavy casualties a short distance beyond the second objective of the 15th September.

At dawn, the 149th Brigade was withdrawn to Mametz Wood to reorganise the shattered, but by no means shaken Battalions.

The results achieved by the Brigade in this brief but bloody attack were of much importance. The main bastion of the German defence was the well-nigh impregnable High Wood. By their assault to the north of the wood sufficient ground was gained by the 4th and 7th to enable men of the 6th to infilade the German position in the wood and ultimately break the German resistance in front of the London Territorial Division.

On the 20th September the 149th Brigade again moved forward to the Clarks Trench area, and on the 21st the Brigade were ordered to advance beyond the existing line in the old second objective and drive the enemy from the Starfish and Prue lines. This advance took place at 2 a.m. and proved to be a very tame affair compared with the advance in daylight on the 15th. By 2.30 a.m. on the 22nd the advancing Battalions had crossed the old lines and entered the unknown country beyond in bright moonlight (for no further advance had been made during the last five days).

The whole battlefield was lighted by the cold, silvery rays of a gibbous moon, and the fantastic German dead lay about in grotesque groups of threes and fours, just as they had been caught in the open by our whirlwind gun-fire of the 15th September. The advance was completely successful, the Germans clearing out on the whole front to a depth of nearly a mile, as far back as the Flers line in front of Eaucourt L'Abbeye, and the Brigade suffered few casualties during this remarkable stride.

Three lines of resistance were taken one after the other, and the 4th Battalion dug itself in so far forward that it was with the greatest difficulty that the ration parties were able to find their comrades! After this striking success, the Brigade was again relieved by another Brigade of the 50th Division and returned to Mametz Wood.

On the 29th September the 149th Brigade was again brought up into the battle area and on the 1st October were again placed in position, under violent shell fire, to deliver a third attack on the strongly-wired trenches between Le Sars and Eaucourt L'Abbeye.

The assault was delivered on a very narrow front by the 5th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers from half-dug assembly trenches, with the 6th and 9th D.L.I. on the right, under a heavy British barrage, with striking success once more, the attack penetrating the Le Sars and the Eaucourt L'Abbeye defences and seizing what was called the Flers Line. The 5th lost about 50 killed and wounded, and the other supporting Battalions about the same in this action. It was in this fight that Lieut.-Col. Bradford, Commanding the 9th D.L.I., gained the V.C., on the right of the 149th Brigade attack.

The 50th Division was relieved on the 3rd October by a new Division in this captured line, after having forced an advance of over two miles and having taken no less than seven lines of resistance, of which the 149th Brigade could claim six. The Brigade went back to rest billets, viâ Albert, to Millencourt, covered with German helmets and with trophies of all sorts.

DUTIES OF A SERGEANT IN 1758.

FROM A FRENCH MILITARY DICTIONARY 1758.

DEDICATED TO HIS HIGHNESS MARSHAL TURENNE.

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"FAC AUT TACE."

Sergeant, is an Officer of a Company of Infantry, and the first of higher pay; he often commands small detachments, and amongst other duties has to keep distances, and dress files and ranks. Each Company of Guards has six Sergeants, all the other Companies of Infantry two each. The Sergeant keeps a roll of the number of soldiers, and of their lodgings, visits them night and morning, especially when Retreat has sounded. It is he who posts the guard and the sentries in the places marked by the Major, round whom they assemble hat in hand, to listen to the Major's command who then whispers the password into the ear of him who is at his right; the password thus goes round the circle, returns to the Major, who thus knows if all have understood it properly. When a Company marches, the post of a Sergeant is upon the wings, to dress the ranks of the files, and prevent the soldier stepping aside.

The Sergeant receives the victuals and provisions of the Company, which he gives afterwards to the Corporals who make distribution to their squads.

All the details of a Company revolve round the Sergeant, and it is he who instructs the soldier in the management of arms. Sergeants are the soul of the Company; the base of discipline; and the organs of the Service.

There cannot, therefore, be too much precaution in making choice of good men to fill the position; it is not easy to acquit oneself with distinction; for every one will agree that a good and skilful Sergeant is capable of important employment in war; many special talents should meet in one man. As far as possible a Sergeant should be of a good height, strong and vigorous, vigilant, active, intelligent, experienced, brave to intrepidity, prudent, wise and just. His voice and speech ought to be clear and firm, his air should impose respect but without churlishness and he must be as arbitrary in his orders as he is respectful and obedient to his superiors. He must be assiduous and exact in his duties, scrupulously upright and correct in his accounts. Therefore it is very necessary he should know how to read and write, as much for the good of the Service, as for the interest of his Captain.

Good Sergeants cannot concern themselves too much with studying the talents and character of their soldiers, their life and manners, and of what they are capable, at the same time they should know how to repress their vices, and instruct them, and be able to point out to their Officers the most capable and honest. They should be very careful to prevent swearing, and to punish severely those men who indulge in that abominable habit, also never to permit unsuitable talk among the men, and principally to impose silence on those who relate their past desertions, and make them ashamed of glorifying a crime unworthy of any honest man.

When they are obliged to punish their soldiers they ought to do so with discretion, only punishing them with prison or cells, according to the requirements of the case, and never by striking them.

Every Sergeant must know perfectly all evolutions, and drill their soldiers often; they must see that all recruits are under arms morning and evening, so that the Officers may know that they are attentive to their duties.

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The author of the *Notes on the Daily Duties of Infantry* says it is quite a science to teach soldiers under arms how to bear themselves smartly, how to hold their heads, and put on their hats properly; these are matters on which it is very important they should receive the instructions of a skilled man, the results of first impressions being always manifest. In drilling some soldiers, Sergeants must arm themselves with immense patience for though some men are naturally biddable, some quick, and others coarse and rough, some are best taught by trust and gentleness without intimidation, others by greater severity, but always by being very careful not to discourage either one or the other, and to induce them if possible to take pleasure in learning their drill so that they do it willingly, and by methods that prudence ought to suggest to them.

They should take care that their soldiers live comfortably, and see with what regularity the Sergeant of the week calls his rolls, etc. In the morning this Sergeant of the week must have the rooms and stairs swept, dirt and spiders removed, see that any dirty soldiers wash their hands and faces; and if they are for duty that their hair is well combed and tied; if they are not for duty they must see their shirts are fastened round the neck and sleeves, that they have white linen on Sundays, that their hats are smartly turned up, and that there is nothing unsewn or any spot about their clothes, he must also see that their stockings are properly rolled, their shoes greased, and must accustom them to put their waistbelts on properly, so that they carry their swords elegantly on their sides and not behind them; they must also be careful that the barbers shave the men correctly twice a week. All these little details which appear mere trifles are nevertheless of the utmost consequence, for a soldier is often what he is made to be worth. If one relaxes attention to him he neglects himself, becomes slovenly, falls ill or gets the pip, with which he speedily infects his comrades.

Such should be the cleanliness of the soldier (on which I had only touched under the head of "Cleanliness" in the columns of this *Military Dictionary*). As to cleanliness in the Sergeants, it has been so strongly recommended to them to hold in their hands the cleanliness of their men that attention to this as regards themselves must be still more closely regarded, and being obliged to give their men a good example they ought to pride themselves on their own smartness no matter in what situation they may find themselves, but of course especially when they are under arms; then they must always have their hair tied, their jackets buttoned, their sword belts and swords on, a pair of gloves on their hands, be without stick or cane, armed with their halberds, of which the steel should be brilliant, and the shaft browned; they do not carry firelocks, with the exception of the Sergeant of Grenadiers. It is for Sergeants to see that Corporals order soldiers by roster according to seniority and prevent their ordering for duty those who are unfit. I have shown elsewhere that all Sergeants form ground rounds in turn, following the seniority of their Regiments and of their Companies, but it is only the Sergeant of the week who is on duty; it is for him when retreat has sounded to see the men are in bed, to have the fires and lights extinguished, and to prevent the men from gambling, stopping up or making a noise.

Sergeants must be present at the issuing of all stores, must themselves withdraw the posts that are to fall out, mount guard, and be the first on the parade ground where the Guards of the Regiment are accustomed to assemble.

The Sergeant of the Guard when he has arrived at his station must inspect the arms, forbid the soldiers to disperse, and ascertain if every soldier knows his orders.

No Sergeant on guard may quit his post.

The following casualties, taken from War Office lists, have regretfully to be recorded:—

W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s AND MEN.

KILLED.

No.	12993	A. Anderson (Newcastle-on-Tyne)	No.	69333	J. H. Shaw (Derby)
,,	55672	H. Bland (Nottingham)	,,	69336	A. C. Simpson (Brockley, S.E.)
,,	241154	Cpl. F. S. Bradshaw (Hull)	,,	5828	W. J. Siree (Glasgow)
,,	74979	A. Butterfield (Bradford)	,,	1311	Cpl. M. Whaley (Gateshead)
,,	36597	A. Clarke (New Mills)	,,	66933	G. E. Wilson (Notting Hill, W.)
,,	204141	S. Clements (West Hartlepool)	,,	35127	E. Wood (Snaith)
,,	36779	W. T. Clifford (Newington, S.E.)	,,	902	T. Beal (Newbiggin-by-Sea)
,,	55702	Lce.-Cpl. C. V. Evans (Llanelly)	,,	60481	E. Blake (St. Mary's, Norfolk)
,,	55703	G. S. I. Ewen (Torphins)	,,	45750	Lce.-Cpl. H. W. Castling (Castle Eden)
,,	293	W. Gatiss (Gateshead-on-Tyne)	,,	867	Lce.-Cpl. T. Dyson (Grange Villa)
,,	42476	L. F. Gunning (Dundee)	,,	46360	Sgt. L. Hinde (Lutterworth)
,,	60213	T. Hall (Sedburgh)	,,	559	A. J. Kennedy (Craghead)
,,	291173	Cpl. J. J. Harkins, M.M. (Acklington)	,,	60527	W. Lambert (Cromer)
,,	39673	J. Harris (Edinburgh)	,,	18457	actg. Sgt. J. W. Orme (Houghton-le-Spring)
,,	241176	J. M. Hawes (Oakley)	,,	813	T. Pringle (Bedlington)
,,	6856	P. Howard (Newcastle-on-Tyne)	,,	59154	Lce.-Cpl. W. Stanford (Birmingham)
,,	55553	J. Hubbard (Leicester)	,,	75247	A. Sutton (Bradford)
,,	6413	Sgt. C. McDonough (Bradford)	,,	20439	J. T. Urwin, M.M. (Acklington)
,,	19908	Lce.-Cpl. C. Mackfall (Lazenby)	,,	45130	S. Arundel (New Eltham, S.E.)
,,	45975	Cpl. A. Newsome (Huddersfield)	,,	4948	C. T. Davison, (Byker)
,,	55757	G. E. Pitts (South Ealing, W.)	,,	75573	P. D. Farr (Ealing, W.)
,,	11547	Lce.-Cpl. P. Reed (Wallsend-on-Tyne)	,,	24186	actg. Sgt. F. Harrison (Durham)
,,	55582	J. Richards (Spennymoor)	,,	267389	F. Langhorne (Withernsea)
,,	65774	W. Spence (Leicester)	,,	265366	actg. C.Q.M.S. A. Nelson (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
,,	42481	S. Ripsher (Gateshead-on-Tyne)	,,	266723	Lce.-Cpl. F. Staveley (Hull)
,,	19988	Lce.-Cpl. J. A. Robson (Newbiggin-by-the-Sea)	,,	1653	Cpl. J. Thompson (Felling)
,,	55605	A. E. Rumsby (Ipswich)	,,	35217	G. Young (Alnwick)
,,	266577	F. C. Savage (Rotherham)	,,	200369	F. Abbott, M.M. (Rochdale)
,,	48532	H. G. Stent (Tooting, S.W.)	,,	38407	Cpl. J. Carr (Wingerworth)
,,	23739	A. Thompson (Choppington)	,,	1780	J. Elliott (Blyth)
,,	15401	J. W. Turner (Bedlington)	,,	478	Lce.-Cpl. J. B. Gillinder (Newcastle)
,,	266538	J. Ward (Leeds)	,,	6473	Lce.-Cpl. H. Kirk, M.M. (Hull)
,,	42475	E. Wilde (Gateshead-on-Tyne)	,,	66493	Sgt. A. Walker (St. Andrews)
,,	36873	B. Baxter (Colchester)	,,	52864	W. Williams (Aynho)
,,	59661	A. Brace (Leeds)	,,	292121	H. R. Betts (Nottingham)
,,	39654	G. English (Ravensthorpe)	,,	341074	T. Brocklehurst (Whaley Bridge)
,,	9142	Lce.-Cpl. R. Fordy (Newcastle-on-Tyne)	,,	56087	C. Brown (Carshalton)
,,	44	D. Forster (Newcastle-on-Tyne)	,,	235341	E. E. Brown (Melbourne, Cambs.)
,,	17609	actg. C.S.M. C. Gunn (Shardlow)	,,	243169	E. Carr (Dipton)
			,,	41333	Sgt. E. B. Moody (Birdwell)

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BIRTH.

AMBURY.—On the 11th inst., at Fenham Barracks, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the wife of No. 202 R.Q.M.S. S. Ambury, 5th Fusiliers, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

BROOKE BOOTH—TIROU-DIRICQ.—On the 13th October, at Charleroi, Belgium, Capt. and Adjt. S. P. Brooke Booth, M.C. and 1914 Star, late 7th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, seventh son of Capt. and Mrs. J. Brooke Booth, of Twickenham, to Mathilde Leonine, elder daughter of M. and Mme. Tirou-Diricq, of Charleroi, Belgium.

COCKROFT—TERRILL.—On the 15th inst., at the Baptist Church, North Kelvinside, Glasgow, by the Rev. J. Morrison, Mr. Alva Cockroft, of Bacup, Lancashire, to Ethel Maud, eldest daughter of Mr. J. Terrill, late R.Q.M.S., 1/5th Fusiliers.

DALLIN—WILSON.—On the 21st October, at Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, W., by the Rev. H. N. Bate, Vicar, Reginald de Payen Dallin, Northumberland Fusiliers, youngest son of the late Thomas Dallin, of Ilfracombe, and Mrs. Dallin, 81, Westbourne Terrace, Hyde Park, W., to Margaret Rowland (Peggy), daughter of the late Rev. George Rowland and Mrs. Wilson, of Sheffield.

ROGERS—BLOMELEY.—On the 27th September, at St. Mark's, Wolverhampton, by the Rev. W. Holmes Walker, M.A., Capt. Raymond J. Rogers, M.C., Northumberland Fusiliers (late 2nd Battalion), to Gladys, youngest daughter of Mrs. Blomeley and the late Frederick Blomeley, Esq., of Wolverhampton.

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following relinquish their appointments:—

GENERAL STAFF.

G.S.O.'s, 1ST GRADE.—Bt. Lieut.-Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O., North. Fusrs., and relinquishes tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. (dated 7th March).

HEADQUARTERS FOR EMBARKATION DUTIES.

D.A.A.G.—Maj. S. C. Ferguson, O.B.E., ret. pay, Reserve of Officers (dated 1st September).

The following appointment is made:—

A.D.C.—Lieut. (tempy. Capt.) A. B. Surtees, North. Fusrs. (dated 12th Oct.).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Lieut. H. F. Attwater is restd. to the estbt. (dated 1st Sept.); Lieut. B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C., is secd. for service with the Somaliland Camel Corps (dated 25th June).

Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. (late Tempy. Col.) W. C. Wright retires on ret. pay (dated 2nd Oct.), and is granted rank of Col.

Capt. W. P. H. Rushbrooke, D.S.O., relinquishes the actg. rank of Lieut.-Col. (dated 3rd July).

Lieut. V. C. Cherryman retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 7th Oct.).

Lieut. (actg. Capt.) J. Hackett retires on ret. pay (dated 18th Oct.), and is granted rank of Capt.; Lieut. (tempy. Capt.) J. G. Walton is placed on the h.p. list, and retains his present appt. as Adjt. of the 2nd Vol. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 18th Oct.).

SPECIAL RESERVE.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Maj. C. P. Hawkes to be tempy. Lieut.-Col. whilst cmndg. the Batt. (dated 10th Feby.).

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. H. Blagburn to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 30th July), with prec. next below W. L. H. Holmes.

Tempy. Lieut. A. F. Dawson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 2nd May), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. S. C. Barber relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 11th May), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. H. Tinn relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 22nd June), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. H. Wilkinson relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 3rd Oct.), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. K. S. Robertson to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 18th June); tempy. Lieut. K. S. Robertson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 8th Aug.), and retains rank of Lieut.

Cadet L. Haigh to be tempy. 2nd-Lieut. (dated 18th March), under the provisions of the Royal Warrant dated 30th Dec., 1918, promulgated in A.O. 42 of 1919 (substituted for *Gazette* notification 8th April, incorrectly describing the name as L. Haig).

Tempy. Lieut. J. J. Dobbin, from 1st Garr. Batt., to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 22nd July, with seniority from 11th Sept., 1918).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. C. W. Licence to be tempy. Lieut., with prec. next below J. Curry (dated 28th May).

Tempy. Lieut. W. L. C. Hutton relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 8th Oct.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. G. Copeland relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 8th Oct.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut.-Col. W. A. Vignoles, D.S.O., relinquishes his commsn. on ceasing to be emplyd. (dated 13th Feby.), and retains the rank of Lieut.-Col.; tempy. Lieut. E. W. Riches, M.C., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be Adjt., 11th Batt. Suffolk R. (dated 19th Sept.).

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53rd Batt.—Tempy. Lieut.-Col. G. A. Yool, D.S.O. (Maj., S. Staff. R.), vacates cmnd. of the Batt. (dated 19th April).

BEDF. AND HERTS. R.—51st Batt.—Lieut. (actg. Maj.) G. White, M.C. (North. Fusrs.), from 52nd Batt., and retains actg. rank of Maj. while 2nd-in-Cmnd. of the Batt. (dated 7th Aug.).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. Bryon to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st May), with prec. next below R. W. R. Spelman.

Tempy. Lieut. A. C. Smith relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 3rd Aug.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. N. Holt relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 22nd Sept.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. E. W. Riches, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 22nd Sept.), and is granted the rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. F. R. Malcolm relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 17th Oct.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. W. Hall to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 30th July), with prec. next below W. H. Blagburn; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. E. I. Williams relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 17th Oct.), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. W. T. Hindmarch relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 22nd Sept.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. W. H. Polley relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 18th Oct.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—R. W. R. Spelman, prec. next below J. H. Brownrigg, M.C. H. G. Jamieson, prec. next above A. Hillary, J. W. Hunt, prec. next below L. Langley (dated 1st May); C. A. Yarrow (dated 18th June), prec. next above J. Forbes.

Tempy. Lieut. F. Siddeley, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 21st Oct.), and retains rank of Lieut.

Capt. (Bt. Maj.) C. P. Porch, D.S.O. (ret. pay) (Res. of Off.), relinquishes the tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. on ceasing to cmnd. 23rd Batt. (dated 4th May).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—G. Llewellyn, with prec. next below J. H. Evans; F. Williamson, with prec. next below D. Firth; J. O. Scott, with prec. next below J. Hendry; J. L. Piggott, with prec. next above L. T. Williams (dated 18th June).

53rd Batt.—Lieut. J. W. Crake (6th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F.) to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. (dated 7th March).

Tempy. Lieut. P. Delaney relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 11th Sept.), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. W. Stafford is dismissed the Service by sentence of a Gen. Court Martial (dated 27th Sept.).

Tempy. Lieut. N. B. Armstrong, from Gen. List, to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 5th Aug., with seniority from 1st July, 1917).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. R. K. Wilson to be Lieut., and to remain seconded (dated 1st March).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. R. Handcock to be Lieut. (dated 1st March).

5th Batt.—Lieut. J. B. Wilson relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 17th Oct.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

7th Batt.—Maj. J. E. N. Thompson (attd. 35th Batt.) is restored to estbt. (dated 3rd Sept.).

7th Batt. Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) A. Watts, North. Fusrs., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. (dated 18th Sept.).

7th Batt.—Lieut.-Col. G. Reavell, T.D. (attd. 35th Batt.) is restored to the estbt. (dated 24th Sept.).

36th Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) R. Cuthbertson, M.C., North. Fusrs., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. (dated 14th Sept.); tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) R. S. Haddon, M.C., W. Yorks. R., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. (dated 22nd Sept.); tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt. and Adjt.) C. W. Moyes, M.C., North. Fusrs., vacates the appt. of Adjt. and relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (dated 22nd Sept.).

VOLUNTEER FORCE.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

2nd Batt.—Hon. Cmndt. and Hon. Lieut.-Col. E. W. Bourne (Capt., and Hon. Maj., late Tynemouth R.G.A. Vols.) relinquishes his commsn., and retains hon. rank of Lieut.-Col. (dated 16th Oct.).

WAR HONOURS.

The King has been pleased to give orders for the following promotion for valuable services rendered in connection with military operations in France and Flanders. Dated 3rd June, 1919:—

TO BE BREVET COLONEL.

Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. (tempy. Brig.-Gen.) A. C. Girdwood, C.M.G., D.S.O., North. Fusrs.

WAR OFFICE,

7th October, 1919.

The following are among the decorations and medals awarded by the Allied Powers at various dates to the British Forces for distinguished services rendered during the course of the campaign. The King has given unrestricted permission in all cases to wear the decorations and medals in question:—

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

LEGION D'HONNEUR.

OFFICIER.

Lieut.-Col. (Maj., Res. of Off.) A. J. Foster, C.M.G., C.B.E., 4th Batt. North. Fusrs. (attd. Ministry of Munitions).

CHEVALIER.

Maj. O. B. Foster, M.C., North. Fusrs.

CONFERRED BY THE KING OF THE HELLENES.

GREEK MILITARY CROSS (2ND CLASS).

Capt. (actg. Lieut.-Col.) W. P. H. Rushbrooke, D.S.O., North. Fusrs. (attd. 2nd Batt. D. of Corn. L.I.).

Our Roll of Honour.

LIEUT. ARTHUR ALFRED PIGGOT.

Lieut. Arthur Alfred Piggot, 13th (Service) Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, who was reported to be wounded and missing on the 26th September, 1915, is now presumed by the War Office to be dead.

The gallant Officer was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Piggot, of 20, Broadwater Down, Tunbridge Wells. He was born on the 18th October, 1891, and educated at Orkney House, Bedford, Edgeborough Guildford, and at Charterhouse School, Godalming, where he was a scholar and also a member of the Officers Training Corps. He gained an open Classical Scholarship at Pembroke College, Cambridge, and took the degrees of B.A. and L.L.B., with first class honours, in the Classical Tripos in 1913, and second class honours in the Law Tripos in 1914. He was one of the team representing Cambridge University at the épée contests against Oxford

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University and against the Epée Club in the years 1913 and 1914.

Mr. Piggot intended to enter Lincoln's Inn to qualify for the Bar, but on the outbreak of war he joined the Inns of Court Officers Training Corps, receiving his commission in the 13th (Service) Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers in September, 1914, and was promoted Lieutenant in the following January. The Battalion trained at Great Berkhamstead and Halton Park, Wendover, and Witley Camp.

On the 9th September, 1915, he went to France with the Battalion. After being in billets for about ten days they had orders to proceed to the front and

LIEUT. A. A. PIGGOTT.

reached Loos on Saturday evening, the 25th September, the first day of the Battle of Loos.

There was a mist over Hill 70 during the night, and sometimes they could see the Germans out repairing wire defences. The crest of the hill was reached probably about 6 a.m. on Sunday morning and the position there occupied by the Battalion was exposed to a heavy fire and they suffered many casualties. One of his men says: "That it was on Hill 70, about eight o'clock in the morning, Lieut. Piggot was walking along our position giving orders to one of our men when he was wounded by a bullet in the thigh. A Sergeant attended to his wound and he lay for some time in the position where he had fallen. Just after he was wounded our artillery started to bombard the enemy's trenches but their shells dropped short and we had to retire. During the retreat I remembered him and turned round to see if I could see anything of him. Presently I saw him picked up by the Germans and I watched them until they were out of sight."

Another of the men stated that he saw the Germans carrying Lieut. Piggot away over the other side of the crest.

No news has ever been obtained of his fate.

The gallant Officer had great literary ability and poetic talent and was an excellent French scholar.

His genius and charming personality made him many friends. His brother Officers held him in the highest regard, and the testimony of his men is that he was a good Officer and well respected, and a good friend to the men.

Obituary.

COL.-SGT. R. BIDDLECOMBE.

We regret to record the death of a very fine type of a Fusilier, that of Col.-Sgt. R. Biddlecombe, who died at Bishop Stortford on the 11th inst.

Many old Officers will remember him, as he served over 32 years in the Regiment and went through two campaigns in Afghanistan. He leaves a widow and three daughters to mourn his loss.

For some years past he has been leading a quiet life at the "Old Em," Start Hill, Bishop Stortford.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

BORDON,

October, 1919.

Although one still notices many things which show that the effect of the war has not been wholly wiped out, still there is no doubt, that ere long, we shall again become a civilised and may be an efficient community.

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We are relying for the present on "Time, the great healer." During the last month, although we have actually done nothing of very great interest or importance, all have more than once felt that we were going to be called upon temporarily to leave our present quarters and assist in rather wider spheres of activity. However, these alarms

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have come to nothing and we are now busily preparing a draft for the 2nd Battalion.

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We suffer daily from the ravages of demobilization and are sorry to lose many old and tried companions.

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However, the work of building up the Battalion goes on and we are gradually completing the nucleus whereon we hope to build in the future.

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We are glad to notice that the service ranks of the field Officers in the Battalion are not to be diminished by the departure of Bt. Lieut.-Col. W. H. Wild, D.S.O., and Maj. R. M. R. Lamb, D.S.O., for Mesopotamia, but we regret the impending loss of Lieut.-Col. A. Landen, D.S.O., who is leaving us to take up his duties at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

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The concert given by members of St. Dunstan's Hostel, in aid of the blind, proved a great success and we enjoyed it thoroughly.

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On the 24th September the Battalion was inspected by Gen. Sir Archibald Murray, G.O.C. in C. Aldershot Command. On the 27th the Officers of the Battalion were invited, by the 2nd Batt. Royal Fusiliers, to lunch and a presentation of medals and decorations, and in the evening to a "Farewell" Sergeants' Dance.

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A few of us have managed to get a little rough shooting which we find a by no means unpleasant diversion.

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We understand that we are to be inspected by the Shah of Persia some time in the near future.

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Work goes on apace on the Garrison Recreation Ground and our prospects of various forms of amusement, in the near future, are very rosy.

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An Officers' Club is being started and this together with football, cricket, hockey, tennis and roller skating ought to make Bordon a most attractive place for us all.

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We were very pleased to see Bt. Lieut.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Maj. W. Platt, D.S.O., who paid us a flying visit recently.

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The following Officers have joined the Battalion:—

Maj. R. M. R. Lamb, D.S.O.	10/10/19
Lieut. F. A. Price	7/10/19
„ E. M. Watts	8/10/19
„ T. A. Oakshot	11/10/19
„ J. H. Hogshaw, M.C.	20/10/19

The following Officers have been posted:—

Lieut. T. Bennett	17/10/19
2nd-Lieut. T. D. McKenna	16/10/19
Lieut. C. Smith	16/10/19

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The following Officers have left the Battalion:—

Tempy. Capt. J. Fawcett, M.C. ..	Demobilized	16/ 9/19
„ H. G. Steele, M.C.	„	15/ 9/19
Tempy. Lieut. G. S. Barrass ..	„	28/ 9/19
„ G. Davison ..	„	29/ 9/19
„ C. B. Longbotham, M.C.	„	29/ 9/19
„ F. N. S. Lampard, M.C.	„	6/10/19
„ C. A. Naylor ..	„	6/10/19
„ W. H. Foy ..	„	24/10/19
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. E. B. Cook ..	„	1/10/19

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The following are the results of the recent football matches:—

Players.	Winner.
16 Platoon v. Drums	Drums (W.O.)
11 Platoon v. 15 Platoon ..	11 Platoon
6 Platoon v. 14 Platoon ..	6 Platoon
5 Platoon v. 7 Platoon	7 Platoon.
Band v. 9 Platoon	Band
W Coy. v. X Coy.	W Coy. (3—1)
Z Coy. v. Y Coy.	Z Coy. (2—1)
Right-Half Batt. v. Left-Half Batt.	Draw (4—4)
Band v. "Rest"	Draw (2—2)

3rd BATTALION NOTES.

October, 1919.

Retirements by reason of ill-health caused by wounds or other causes incidental to active service are now a constant feature in the *Gazette* and among those recently announced we are sorry to notice the names of Maj. Hervey-Bathurst and Lieut. W. M. Rutherford. Maj. Hervey-Bathurst served for some time with the Battalion at Boldon and has since been R.T.O. at Winchester. The softly-uttered greetings with which he welcomed any Fusiliers who chanced to stop at or pass through that station will much be missed. Lieut. Rutherford sustained an injury to his hand during the fire at Boldon in 1917 which resulted in the destruction of our Officers' Mess there, and has been in ill-health ever since. He was P.M.C. for a considerable period at Boldon and afterwards at Larkhill. He is understood to be returning to his first love—the stage. Which reminds one—à propos of the recent death of H. B. Irving—that the "Leading Juvenile of the great company at the Lyceum in the palmy days of that lamented actor's father, Sir Henry Irving, was also an ex-3rd Battalion Officer, Lieut. H. B. Coulson (H. B. Conway), who played Laertes to the great man's "Hamlet," and "Young Faust" to his "Mephistopheles." He was reputed to be the best looking actor on the stage and was the matinee idol of the early eighties.

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Capt. Creswell Hobbs has gone for duty to the Depôt, after being attached to the 2nd Battalion at Catterick.

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Readers of the reports in the press of the Douglas-

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Pennant Investigation will not perhaps recognise in the "Mr. Thomas Carthew," who appears as one of the Counsel for Col. Bersey, Lieut.-Col. T. Carthew, D.S.O., R.A.F., and once of the 2nd Battalion; after leaving which he was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple. *Cedant Arma togae.*

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The Annual Regimental Dinner of the Past and Present Officers of the 3rd Battalion will be resumed this year, after five years intermission, and will take place, it is hoped, at the Imperial Restaurant, on the old date, 12th December, the aniversary of the embodiment of the Battalion for the South African War of 1899. All Regular, Special and General Reserve Officers who have served with the Battalion previously to, or during, the war are eligible to attend.

DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
25th October, 1919.

Two months' leave has been granted to Capt. and Adjt. C. R. Freeman, D.S.O., M.C., and Lieut. W. Watson is officiating in the meantime.

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Capt. B. G. C. Hobbs joined us on the 26th inst. from the 2nd, also 2nd-Lieut. H. B. Goult on the 29th pending his retirement.

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On the 30th Lieut. Clive Smith, M.C., paid us a visit.

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There were many difficulties created by the Railway Strike; however, this did not deter Maj. R. Auld from reaching London overland, *via* "The Overland." We trust he enjoyed his run.

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On the 6th Lieut. C. H. Cooper, M.C., paid us a visit.

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Lieuts. F. A. Price and E. M. Watts left us on the 6th and 7th respectively to join the 1st Battalion on posting.

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Maj. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., and Capt. W. P. Rushbrooke, D.S.O., attended the Investiture on the 21st.

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The Gosforth Races were held on the 20th and 21st, but the weather interrupted the pleasure of the spectators, nor did there appear to be much luck to the investors.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The Sergeants were "At Home" to the Benwell Working Men's Club and gave a return billiard match, when we were again beaten. When I say "we" it was a combined team of the 5th and 68th Sergeants, the representatives of the 5th Depôt being R.Q.M.S. Ambury (whom youngsters of some years back called the Black Prince), Sgt.-Master-Tailor Fell and Sgt. Blagburn, the two latter won their games just on the post but R.Q.M.S. Ambury was severely trounced. This catastrophe happened on Wednesday, the 15th October.

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On Friday, the 17th October, we had our usual "Monthly Nautch" in the Sergeants' Mess, the Committee being C.S.M. Prophet, C.Q.M.S. Geordie Redhead and Sgt. Fenemore, all of whom carried out their duties perfectly. S.M. Prophet, I am sorry to say, would not chance taking a lady round. "He is so shy, you know."

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Football is in full swing just now, the Depôt finding two teams in the Garrison League. We are hard placed for young players and so we have to depend on the old war horses such as R.Q.M.S. Ambury, Geordie Redhead, etc.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
31st October, 1919.

Again we have to apologise for delay in publishing. This time it is due to lack of copy. Our files are devoid of MSS. and notes are scanty. The result being that at the last moment we were informed that we only had enough for a seven page issue. This necessitated a hasty leap into the breech ourself. Will someone please sit down at once and write us an article about something of interest. There must be many who have experiences to write about and we assure them that their efforts will be appreciated.

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The following subscriptions are due:—

October.

Capt. G. Bates	Mrs. M. Todd
Capt. Garrard	Lieut. J. Tindle
The Literary and Philosphical Society	Capt. Westmacott
	Miss Phillips
Mrs. O. Redwood	Lieut. J. E. Tate
Mrs. A. Rowsell	Capt. J. Morlet, R.A.M.C.
Mrs. E. Shiel	

November.

2nd-Lieut. P. B. Cowell	Maj. G. White, M.C.
Lieut.-Col. D. R. McDonald	J. A. Piggot, Esq.
Capt. W. H. Wynnsford	Cpl. S. Carter

We would remind these and all subscribers that the new rates are now in force. They will be found on the first page of each number.

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Maj. T. F. M. Smart
Lieut. W. Smart
Capt. Clive Smith
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Lieut. and Qrmr. J. W. White

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Capt. E. H. Baxter	2	12	6
Maj. A. Milne Home, M.C.	1	1	0

The total amount collected up to the present is £83 13s. 6d. The amount required is £400.

Letter to the Editor.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS' AID SOCIETY,
8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
1st October, 1919.

TO THE EDITOR, *St. George's Gazette.*

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions and donations received between 1st July and 30th September, 1919, as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Maj. B. T. St. John	2	2	0
Miss Arthur's Wounded Soldiers' Class, Northumberland Handicrafts Guild	35	0	0
Col. C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O.	2	0	0
O.C., 1st Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers	20	0	0
Lieut.-Col. W. H. Ritson	2	2	0
34th Batt. N.F., per Lieut.-Col. M. G. Cooper	10	0	0

Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (Lieut.-Col.),
Secretary.

THE POLITICIAN—AN APPRECIATION.

BY THE MEMBER FOR LYDDA.

To write anything in the nature of praise of Parliament, politicians or political procedure in general, for so eminently a military journal as the *St. George's Gazette* will probably be regarded by those who read further than the heading as the work of one, in whom the ravages of war have caused a total reversal of his mental equilibrium, or who has been the recipient of a handsome subsidy to reward him for spreading insiduous propaganda on the eve of a General Election!

Their surmises would, however, be very wide of the mark—at least whatever the real state of the author's mental equilibrium may be the ravages of war are in no way answerable for it—but the true reason of the birth of this article is that, having sent to the publisher all the available and suitable copy for the October number we received from him the "encouraging" (?) statement that with difficulty he could make up an eight page number.

There was, therefore, nothing for it but to turn to myself and to forsake the Editorial "we" for the author's "I" in an article of some kind or another, and, I suppose, the atmosphere of the place, where, as George Robey would say, "I get things for doing things," was responsible for the rest.

In those far distant days—for so they seem—before the war when I was myself a soldier and moreover a Fifth Fusilier, I used to hold the opinion in common with many soldiers that one could comfortably sink in the scale of honourable professions or callings, at the top of which I did, and still do, place the fighting services, but that there was a limit where one shuddered a bit at what one would have to do in order to be a success at one's job. Some distance further in the scale below this limit I used to place the calling of the politician. To my mind in those days the professional politician appeared as one who would pledge himself freely to do all in his power to kill patriotism and to pander to his country's enemies, who would rob, lie, slander, cringe or bully in order to obtain the votes of the electorate in his constituency. I *always* looked upon him as the inveterate enemy of the soldier or sailor and particularly of the Officer.

Now that I have had more experience of the mammal in his own lair I have considerably modified my views of his character. True there is a class of politician which possesses all the disagreeable attributes that I have mentioned and there are some of all parties who possess one or two of them, but taking him as a whole and in general he is as honest as most men are and moreover he is as a rule anything but stupid.

The unfortunate thing is that the less desirable in character a Member of Parliament is, that is to say less desirable from the standpoint of the service man, the more he takes care to monopolise as much of the limelight as he can. He misses no chance of associating himself with any question or opinion which he thinks will be popular in his constituency. It is because of this that his name becomes known to the public and the public are therefore apt to brand all members of Parliament with the more unpleasant peculiarities of one class (and quite a small class at that) of politician. The men of this class are usually men of

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nimble wit and bitter tongue. To listen to them as I have done day after day one would be led to think that no Government ever did anything of its own volition except make the most crass mistakes and bungles, and that no good would ever be done or is ever done except by the constant and unremitting pressure which he and his class are wasting their life's energy in bringing to bear upon the Cabinet. This section, however, carry very little weight, they do not as a rule belong to any important party though they distribute their allegiance to each of the opposing sections in turn. Sometimes they even accept office! but when the cares of office have fallen upon their shoulders it is wonderful to see how changed their outlook becomes.

However, I must not confine this article to a diatribe against a small section when I really desire to show that the M.P. is really not at all a bad chap. Some say that no party politician can be an honest man but I would like to point out to those that hold these views that no politician, however pure his motives or high his ideals, can possibly achieve any results *outside* of one or other of the big parties. *Inside* a party, however, he can, by persuading a number of other members of that party to his point of view, sway a good deal of influence and can, if he is successful make that party adopt his views and ideals. It is, however, necessary that he be loyal to his party and it is for this reason that you will sometimes find members speaking in a flow of the most moving rhetoric against a bill and then when the time comes to test his opinion—voting for it!!

The party system may have many faults but it has more good points, and be it remembered that when the system breaks down through disloyalty to party ties the extremists get their chance to stab the country in the back.

It is difficult nowadays to define what the parties in the House are. In the old days of Whigs, Tories and the Irish, definition was easier. Now we have those for the Government and those against it, but, leaving out extremists, the main plank in the platform of any party must be and is "Economy"!! For the rest the form which their economy is to take is all that is at issue. It may be said that the issue is a wide one ranging between re-action and revolution. Perhaps it is, but I have found out one thing and that is that 90 per cent. of politicians whether they are reactionaries or revolutionaries sincerely believe that they stand for what is best for their country or the community at large. The remainder consist of those who state that they believe what they think is the creed that will bring them soonest into office!!

Individually the politician is a charming man to meet. This is not surprising. It is part of his trade to be pleasant to all people. Men who are rude or otherwise unpleasant do not find favour with the electorate at election times and unless a man is born with a pleasant manner he can only acquire it by constant practice. Whichever the case is it is to the advantage of the outsider with whom he comes in contact. The worst mannered politicians are perhaps to be found in the old crusted Tory class who sit for safe constituencies and who from long years of lordship of some manor acquire the illusion that anyone who is not of their way of thinking must be a damned fool. Bad manners in the House itself receive short shrift. It is hard to imagine a place where the process of finding your own level is so rapidly and effectively completed!! The only person who is in any way a "boss" there is the Speaker and he is only so by virtue of his position as the official interpreter of the rules, for the ordering of debate and the conduct of parliamentary business, which members themselves have made for their own usage.

I have often heard it said, and indeed thought and said it myself, that you can never get a straight answer from a politician. There is, I think, a certain amount of truth in this assertion but there is also a reason for the fact. This reason is to be found in the need for extreme caution necessary in making any statement which will be read after by those ignorant of the full context. Nothing is easier than to misquote a phrase from a speech by leaving out even but one word. This difficulty was very neatly illustrated by a candidate for parliamentary honours who was being constantly badgered to give a direct answer "Yes" or "No" to a somewhat controversial question. At last he turned upon his "heckler" and said: "If you will answer by a direct 'Yes' or 'No' a simple question I shall ask you I will answer your question equally directly." The man agreed and was asked: "Have you given up beating your wife yet?" Try and answer this question yourself and you will see my point.

Perhaps what I have written here will do something to soften the heart of some, if any, who read it towards a much abused class of man. What applies to the ordinary member applies equally to members of the Government. They are, I assure you, not a collection either of fools or knaves. They may make mistakes but no one is infallible and it often happens that a cure is worse than a complaint. One may often not agree with them but one seldom knows as much about it as they do, and one is apt to forget that they are there to serve the majority. They undoubtedly do create injustices to individuals but that is unavoidable and they are nearly always sympathetic to a genuine hard case. Let me close this article which, as I have said, was forced upon me by circumstances, by repeating the request made at a concert in the "Wooley West." "Please do not shoot the man at the piano. He is doing his best!!"

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SATANSVILLE AND THE KAISER.

A MOST REMARKABLE ARTICLE DEALING WITH CERTAIN REMARKABLE PERSONAGES.

There has been trouble in Satansville.

It broke out in the Murderers' Concentration Camp, and caused for a time great anxiety to Satan and his General Staff.

It originated in a rumour that the German Kaiser had

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succumbed to the ear trouble which has caused him and his entourage so much unpleasantness for some years past; and that as of course it was quite out of the question to admit him to "Another Place," he, or rather his disembodied spirit, was about to join the most select circle of Satansville. The news caused the greatest consternation. No self-respecting murderer could be expected to look with indifference upon the admission of such a complete and unmitigated scoundrel. Besides, it was felt that to associate with such a vulgar, bestial, insolent cad would be an insupportable degradation. Most of the great practitioners of the man-slaying art were quite polished gentlemen, whose one defect in an otherwise perfect character had been a weakness for polishing off their fellow creatures.

"SCRAPS OF PAPER."

Dr. William Palmer (late of Rugeley) was particularly emphatic on this aspect of the question. He had, he said, always behaved with urbanity when on earth; had been lavish in his charities, and hospitable almost to a fault; and only the strongest necessity had compelled him to take liberties with "scraps of paper" in the form of forged bills, and to remove by means of strychnine, antimony and prussic acid those whose "neutrality" he would have been glad to respect, but for the fact that he had insured their lives and wanted the money.

GENERAL COUNCIL OF EXPERTS IN SCIENCE AND CULTURE.

In these circumstances it was felt that "something must be done." A few of the murderers of light and leading met and resolved themselves into a Committee, with power to add to their number. There were present, *inter alia*, Napoleon Bonaparte, Alexander (the "Great"), Frederick (the "Great") Attila, Genghiz Khan, Dr. Palmer (of Rugeley), Dr. Crippen and Mr. Charles Peace, each of whom was considered a representative man in the several branches of the profession.

By a unanimous vote Napoleon Bonaparte was elected to the Chair; Alexander (the "Great") to the Vice-Chair; while as a tribute of respect to science and culture, Drs. Palmer and Crippen were appointed joint Honorary Secretaries.

The Chairman thanked the gentlemen present for having elected him to that position of honour and dignity, although he would take leave to say that when on earth he had never waited to be elected. He felt, at all events, that he was entitled to the distinction conferred upon him in virtue of the fact that he had been the means of despatching more of his species than any practitioner in the same line who had preceded him (Alexander the "Great": "Question"). He had no desire to depreciate the homocidal prowess of the interrupter, but he must remind him that *his* opportunities had been limited to a comparatively short time. However, to proceed: They were face to face with a very grave crisis. Were they, he asked, to allow Satansville to be polluted by the presence of

THE DISPATCHER OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

and the destroyer of Louvain and Rheims? (Cries of "No, no.") He ventured to assert that such an insult must be resisted with all the force at their command. Speaking for himself, he declared, without fear of contradiction, that he had never destroyed works of art—he had only stolen them, which was itself evidence of his æsthetic taste. Nor had he made war on women and babies, but on men; and they all knew that after a battle he had always been as solicitous for the enemy's wounded as for his own. They must concert immediate measures to avert the calamity of having thrust upon them one whom no self-respecting murderer would associate with; whose presence would contaminate Satansville, and who if once admitted would make the place absolutely unbearable by his vanity, egotism and overwhelming self-conceit. (Loud cheers.) He would call upon his friend Alexander (the "Great") to move the first resolution.

A BLASPHEMOUS, BLOODTHIRSTY BOUNDER.

Alexander (the "Great") begged in the first place to apologise for his interruption, but he ventured to say that, allowing for the brevity of his career, he had not fallen short of the Chairman as a destroyer of mankind. Be that as it might, he entirely concurred with the eloquent remarks of the Chairman. It was quite unthinkable that men of genius like himself and his friend in the Chair should be compelled to associate with one who more resembled a strolling cheap jack than a mighty potentate, and who possessed all the shallow versatility and impudence of Alfred Jingle without a scintilla of his wit and humour. Instead of sitting on a throne he should be grinning through a horse collar at a country fair. They must really draw the line somewhere, and they drew it at this blasphemous, blood-thirsty bounder. (Loud and prolonged cheers.) He begged to move:

"That this Committee of respectable murderers (wholesale and retail) protests against the admission of a charlatan who has disgraced their profession, and hereby pledges itself to use any means, however foul, to prevent this unspeakable calamity."

The Chairman called upon Attila to second the resolution. Attila, in the course of an eloquent speech, observed that he felt very strongly in this question. In point of fact he had a personal interest in it. This ridiculous harlequin had had the consummate impudence to compare himself to him (the speaker). (Cries of "Shame.") Was this to be borne? (No, no.) He ventured also emphatically to say no, no. He had overrun more than half Europe (like his friend in the chair); he had destroyed tens of thousands of lives, and had been known as "the Scourge of God." But he had done all this by the force of his genius, with rudimentary weapons and by the prowess of his own right arm. This swaggering imposter made war by machinery, and yet he had not even been able to get to Paris, and had before his death been driven back to the frontiers and his own country. (A voice: "Serve him

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right.") He (the speaker) had been a warrior and a mighty conqueror, but he had not gone spouting and ranting about—now posing as a poet, now as a composer, anon as a painter, again as a sculptor, an architect and a preacher. The fellow had tried his hand at everything, including war, and had dismally failed in all. The speaker concluded with observing that when on earth he had not been in the habit of taking half measures to gain his ends, a peculiarity which he had carried with him across the Styx—(laughter)—and he therefore had much pleasure in seconding the resolution. The motion having been carried unanimously, the Chairman called upon Dr. William Palmer (of Rugeley) to move the next resolution.

Dr. Palmer (of Rugeley) said he experienced some diffidence in rising after such leaders in the great profession of murder. He felt it an act of presumption on his part to follow gentlemen who could count their victims, he might almost say, by millions. He regretted that he could lay claim to no such distinction.

Speaking from memory he feared his victims at the outside only numbered a beggarly baker's dozen. But it was not granted to everyone to combine the gift of homicide with ample opportunity to exercise it on a gigantic scale, and he would throw himself on the indulgence of the meeting by saying he had done his best in the narrow sphere to which his activities had been restricted. But poor as his contribution had been, he yielded to no man in abhorrence of the disgrace which threatened them. Up to the present time their place of abode, though not without its drawbacks, had at all events been respectable, where men of intellect had found congenial companionship in fighting their battles o'er again, if he might so express it. Now, they had the prospect of being polluted by the presence of one who was the laughing stock of mankind when on earth, and would bring ridicule upon their whole society. It was impossible to predict from one moment to another what this Jack o' Lantern would be up to. He would want to torture them with his doggerel, to set their teeth on edge with his dissonances; to caricature them in his daubs; and worse than all to preach to them—that was indeed the limit; if he might use an expressive vulgarism. Were it not that earthly poisons were inoperative upon ghosts, he would undertake to give him a strychnine pill if he showed his nose in these regions. He begged to move,

"That this meeting, being firmly convinced that the admission of the Mad Dog of Potsdam into Satansville would cause a complete disruption of infernal Society, and bring ridicule upon our whole community, resolve that a petition be presented to Lucifer requesting him to provide special quarters for this

EGOTISTICAL MOUNTEBANK,

where he can spout his own doggerel, paint daubs, compose what he miscalls music and preach sermons wholly and solely to himself."

Dr. Crippen, in seconding the resolution, said that although his case created a great sensation on earth, he could not claim equality with the gentleman who had just resumed his seat, seeing that his performance in the murder line had been limited to one victim, although he could not but pride himself on the exceptional atrocity of his so-called crime. He felt bound to say, however, that he considered himself vastly superior to the party whose prospective admission to those realms had aroused such justifiable indignation, and though he (the speaker) had sadly bungled the business for which he had been relegated to his present abode, he should have felt ashamed of himself if he had proved such

A COLOSSAL BUNGLER

as the contemptible incompetent with whose presence they were threatened. He had the greatest pleasure in seconding the resolution.

Frederick (the "Great") begged leave to support the motion. He had even a greater personal interest in this matter than his friend Attila, for this wretched poseur was his descendant and wore the Prussian crown. He spoke with some feeling, because his reputation had suffered considerable injury through this physically and mentally degenerate having claimed to model his conduct on that of his (the speaker). He protested emphatically against this fellow bringing his memory into ridicule. He was a jay strutting in peacock's plumes; an ass concealed under a lion's skin. He (Frederick) did not wish to appear egotistical, but he thought his hearers would agree with him that he had convinced the world of his genius. Genius in this fellow was conspicuous by its absence; it was replaced by egregious vanity; and worse still, the successor to the throne (lately the Crown Prince) seemed to be even a greater fool and rascal than his father. He repudiated them both, and was determined to turn his back upon the Pots-dam fool should he by any mischance get in there. (Loud and prolonged cheers.) The motion having been carried unanimously,

The Chairman said he would take care that both it and the previous one were submitted in due course to the proper quarter.

Genghiz Khan proposed and Mr. Charles Peace seconded a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was carried with acclamation.

We are informed, says *The Satansville Times*, that the public-spirited action taken with regard to the admission of the German Kaiser into the town has been completely successful. Satan recognising the danger of such a contaminating influence to corrupt himself, his angels and the interesting community committed to his charge, has provided Mad Billy with a *cabinet particulier* for himself. He is allowed to amuse himself in his own way. He has a hundred different uniforms, which he is continually changing. Sometimes he rigs himself up as a General, sometimes as an Admiral. Anon he brandishes a pallette and brush and imagines himself a painter.

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The following casualties, taken from War Office lists, have regretfully to be recorded:—

OFFICERS.

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Lieut. T. W. M. Greenwell
Lieut. P. Shaw
2nd-Lieut. P. W. Place

DIED OF WOUNDS.

2nd-Lieut. F. I. Constantine
2nd-Lieut. F. P. McCormick
„ J. Davidson
„ J. W. Thompson
„ W. Husband

DIED.

2nd-Lieut. B. K. Barnes
2nd-Lieut. R. L. Tully
„ W. H. J. Markham

WOUNDED.

Capt. W. S. Hutchinson, M.C.
2nd-Lieut. J. W. Hunt
„ Kirsopp
„ A. N. Lawson
„ D. Pilling
„ S. B. Milne
Lieut. E. J. Alston
„ C. E. Oates
„ B. H. Ormsby
„ R. S. Quirogo
2nd-Lieut. J. Aitken
„ R. H. Smallwood
„ J. P. Forster
„ J. W. Thompson
„ W. J. Henderson
„ C. N. Watson

WARRANT OFFICERS, N.C.O.'s AND MEN.

KILLED.

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„ 5789 J. Anderson (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 1491 C.S.M. J. Drayson, M.C. (Southend-on-Sea)
„ 65501 A. J. Fletcher (Wednesbury)
„ 65549 C. T. Harris (Brighton)
„ 47646 T. Lincoln (St. Luke's, E.C.)
„ 60188 M. Robinson (Leeds)
„ 38967 G. W. Smith (Ferryhill)
„ 41042 W. Tait (Gateshead)
„ 35885 R. Anderson (Glasgow)
„ 6264 W. Bell (Winlaton)
„ 36612 J. Bentley (Derby)
„ 235107 J. Brunt (Stoke-on-Trent)
„ 13186 Lce.-Cpl. R. Cassidy, M.M. (Broadstone)
„ 235423 E. C. Coates (Northwold)
„ 39191 L. A. Crandon (Greenwich, S.E.)
„ 19237 Lce.-Cpl. H. Horne (Beeston)
„ 55380 F. Hough (Tividale)
„ 37036 A. Mann (King's Lynn)
„ 13000 R. Mills (Bedlington)
„ 58403 Lce.-Cpl. G. Priest (Chesterfield)
„ 31863 W. J. Nash (Banstead)
„ 51557 H. Roberts (Leeds)
„ 37388 Cpl. W. Sanderson (Haltwhistle)
„ 241444 A. Shepherd (Bradford)
„ 56155 J. Webster (Manchester)
„ 16604 Sgt. S. Winfield
No. 48045 G. Denton (Northampton)
„ 5028 Lce.-Sgt. J. G. Grimmer (Gt. Yarmouth)
„ 10459 T. Hedley (Bedlington)
„ 76048 D. B. Maddison (Hull)
„ 46280 A. McMullen (Stockton)
„ 37849 H. Mulligan (Newcastle)
„ 14010 W. Nash (Arnold)
„ 42179 S. Martin (Ilkeston)
„ 922 G. Nesbitt (Bedlington)
„ 65743 Cpl. W. P. Paish (Stafford)
„ 76006 R. B. Pearson (Gateshead-on-Tyne)
„ 66129 J. C. Percival (Newcastle)
„ 66135 J. Quinn (Birkenhead)
„ 65304 Lce.-Cpl. W. Ripley (Southport)
„ 340296 Sgt. A. Scott (Walker-on-Tyne)
„ 204596 C. Sheard (Birstall)
„ 47412 P. J. Moran (Halifax)
„ 69170 J. H. Moss (Stafford)
„ 75800 H. Shields (Burnley)
„ 242063 R. Teale (Leeds)
„ 69709 J. Arnold (W. Hartlepool)
„ 69761 T. Hemingway (Thorne)
„ 273 J. Herbershaw (South Shields)
„ 1502 A. Hood (Annfield Plain)
„ 16611 A. Jackson (Bulwell)
„ 65175 F. Johnson (Yarm-on-Tees)
„ 66253 T. L. Kay (Accrington)
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„ 32019 W. Bull (Nottingham)
„ 2547 Sgt. L. Whitehead (Middlesbrough)
„ 48554 H. Willoughby (Blackpool)
„ 65056 J. Clark (W. Hartlepool)
„ 69256 H. A. Cordwell (Hackney Road, E.)
„ 20807 F. Coleman (North Shields)
„ 6277 W. Cuthbertson (Gateshead)
„ 18753 Sgt. R. Curtis (Hessle)
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„ 61017 J. R. Griffiths (Barnsley)
„ 65547 F. G. Halsey (Hatfield)
„ 241406 A. Harvey (Hucknall)
„ 10141 H. Hepple (Blyth)
„ 66832 F. Hill (Kettering)
„ 20287 S. Hudson (Oxford)
„ 34125 W. Hutchinson (Bishop Auckland)
„ 79009 A. W. Kessey (Burwash)
„ 65571 S. E. Kerry (Derby)
„ 69310 P. H. Mercer (Birmingham)
„ 33804 J. C. Newham (North Shields)
„ 1411 E. Palmer (Shire Moor)
„ 204490 D. Patterson (Newcastle)
„ 28997 H. Pickersgill (Mirfield)
„ 55313 T. C. Pruden (Leicester)
„ 6516 Sgt. A. Robson (Whitley Bay)
No. 65757 L. Ricketts (Hull)
„ 266822 A. W. Fallows (Manchester)
„ 38033 R. J. Scott (Lockerbie)
„ 23452 Cpl. J. McCann (Wigan)
„ 5120 Lce.-Cpl. W. McDowell (Belfast)
„ 35786 J. Scott (Lockerbie)
„ 65358 T. Scott (Swansea)
„ 6194 M. Atkinson (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 241812 W. D. Murche (New Cross, S.E.)
„ 61463 R. Pattison (Felling-on-Tyne)
„ 44910 J. Perrin (Paddington, W.)
„ 242372 D. Sword (Hexham)
„ 263046 R. Carlan (Alnwick)
„ 267710 W. H. Clayburn (Knottingley)
„ 44268 C. S. Clough (Sheffield)
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„ 37421 S. Emmerson (Nottingham)
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„ 65574 H. Lingwood (Hull)
„ 10181 J. Morley (Cramlington)
„ 203997 C. Baker (Scarborough)
„ 55893 J. Doran (Straffan)
„ 69663 A. Street (Kilburn, N.W.)
„ 266211 H. Avery (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
„ 37060 G. Smith (Heacham)
„ 265432 Cpl. N. E. Kane (Portslade)
„ 66596 E. Smith (Manchester)
„ 45117 S. H. Wood (Chelmsford)

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„ 35927 J. W. Crowther (Todmorden)
„ 1223 H. Dawson (Coxwold)
„ 1460 J. W. Earle (Darlington)
„ 55469 T. Edwards (Whitchurch)
„ 17986 Cpl. J. Elliott (Sheffield)
„ 75811 Actg. Lce.-Sgt. E. Hailey (Amersham Common)
„ 88 actg. Sgt. F. Delf (Worstead)
„ 15722 Lce.-Cpl. J. Alvey (Nottingham)
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„ 19993 Sgt. A. Harrison (Nottingham)
„ 69771 J. H. Hutton (Patrington)
„ 266440 H. Jones (Wakefield)
„ 41882 G. Leng (York)
„ 205702 E. Nelson (Low, Spennymoor)
„ 59800 W. Nield (Winsford)
„ 192 E. Spinks (Durham)
„ 34809 J. W. Stewart (Armley, Leeds)
„ 59303 W. Tullock (Tranmere)
„ 47706 G. Whitehead (Edmonton, N.)
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BOOTH.—On the 30th November, at Brooklands, Headley, Hants, the wife of Maj. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., of a son.

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following relinquish their appointments:—

HDQRS. FOR EMBARKATION DUTIES.

CL. G.G.—Lieut. (tempy. Capt.) A. B. Surtees, North. Fusrs. (dated 7th Oct.).

D.A.Q.M.G., and relinquishes the tempy. rank of Maj.:—Capt. L. E. Ottley, North. Fusrs. (dated 8th Aug.).

BRIG. MAJ.—Capt. H. M. Heyder, M.C., North. Fusrs. (dated 17th Sept.).

QUAY SUPT. (CL. FF).—Lieut. J. H. Leng, 4th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F., and relinquishes the tempy. rank of Capt. (dated 11th Oct.).

The following appointment is made:—

SPEC. APPT., CL. HH.—Lieut. G. L. Mole, 3rd Batt. North. Fusrs., Spec. Res. (dated 24th July).

MEMORANDA.

The following relinquishes the tempy. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. as Cmndt. P. of W. Camp:—Tempy. Lieut. J. A. Signey, Ser. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 27th Sept.).

Col. retires on retired pay and is granted the hon. rank of Brig.-Gen.:- C. H. L. James, C.B., C.M.G., on vacating cmnd. of the 177th Inf. Brig. (dated 1st July).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

2nd-Lieut. C. Elders retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 26th Oct.).

2nd-Lieut. H. B. Goult retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 29th Oct.).

Lieut. (actg. Capt.) T. F. Ellison, M.C., resigns his commsn. (dated 6th Nov.).

Maj. C. E. Thornton retires on ret. pay (dated 7th Nov.).

Tempy. Lieut. J. H. Carswell, M.C. (23rd Batt.), relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. (dated 22nd Aug.).

Lieut. (tempy. Capt.) P. A. B. Cherry resigns his commsn. (dated 19th Nov.).

2nd-Lieut. C. Elders (since ret.) to be Lieut. (dated 10th Oct.).

GENERAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

T. F. Ellison, M.C., late Lieut. (actg. Capt.), North. Fusrs., to be Capt. (dated 6th Nov.).

P. A. B. Cherry, late Lieut. (tempy. Capt.), North. Fusrs., to be Capt. (dated 19th Nov).

Capt. C. W. Gordon-Stewart (since killed in action) to be Maj. (dated 8th Jany., 1916, but not to carry pay or allowances of that rank, unless holding tempy. or actg. higher rank with pay and allowances).

SPECIAL RESERVE.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

2nd-Lieut. E. J. Walker resigns his commsn. (dated 6th Nov.), and retains rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Capt. R. Taylor relinquishes the appt. of Adjt. (dated 18th July).

2nd-Lieuts. to be Lieuts.:—W. Wright (dated 26th March); J. F. Egan (dated 28th May); G. Creighton (dated 30th July).

Lieut. T. W. Butcher is placed on the ret. list on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 15th Nov.).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. T. Oates is rest. to the estbt. (dated 19th Aug.).

5th Batt.—Lieut. C. V. Marks relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 13th Nov.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. A. Anderson to be Lieut. (dated 27th Sept.).

7th Batt.—Lieut. R. A. Brown is restored to the estbt. (dated 22nd Sept.).

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Maj. A. W. Blockley (3rd Batt. Conn. Rang., Spec. Res.) relinquishes the tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. on ceasing to cmnd. a Batt. (dated 22nd March).

Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) E. W. Moyes, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 24th Sept.), and is granted the rank of Capt.

51st Batt.—Capt. G. G. Carpenter (Suff. R.) to be actg. Maj. while 2nd-in-Cmnd. of the Batt. (dated 10th May to 31st July).

53rd Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) F. R. Peirson, M.C. (North. Fusrs., Ser. Batt.), retains his actg. rank while cmndg. a Coy. (dated 25th Sept., 1918, to 15th Aug.).

Tempy. Lieut. W. Little to be actg. Capt. while spec. emplyd., N. Russian Exp. Force (dated 4th June to 6th July).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. O. Smart to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 27th Dec., 1918), with prec. next above T. Ramsay.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. G. Copeland to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st May); tempy. Lieut. G. Copeland relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 8th Oct.), and retains the rank of Lieut. (substituted for *Gazette* notification 7th Oct.); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. E. Hazledine to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 18th June), with prec. next below J. Forbes.

51st Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. J. W. Hunt to be Adjt. (dated 17th Aug.).

Tempy. Lieut. W. E. Boulter relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 25th Aug.) and retains the rank of Lieut.

Lieut. W. E. Richardson (4th Batt., T.F.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. (dated 9th Sept.).

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Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—G. Donald (dated 1st July, 1917), prec. next above T. P. Conolly; W. Sanderson (dated 1st May), prec. next below A. Gibson; A. B. Walton (dated 18th June), prec. next below W. M. Robertson.

Tempy. Lieut. W. Miller relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 2nd Nov.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. H. Scott to be Adjt. and actg. Capt., with pay and allowances of Lieut. while so emplyd., *vice* Lieut. C. H. Steel, M.C. (dated 23rd June).

Lieut.-Col. J. Shakespear, C.I.E., C.M.G., D.S.O. (ret., Ind. Army), vacates the cmnd. of 18th Batt. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 6th Nov.).

52nd Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. J. O. Byrne, M.C., to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. (dated 23rd July).

Tempy. Lieut. F. N. S. Lampard, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 8th Oct.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. J. C. Trigg relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 14th Oct.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. J. Watt relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 7th Nov.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

52nd Batt.—Capt. H. E. Pease, D.S.O. (Durh. L.I.) (tempy. Maj., Durh. L.I., Ser. Batt.), relinquishes the tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. on ceasing to cmnd. the Batt. (dated 10th May) (substituted for *Gazette* notification 16th Aug.).

Tempy. Capt. P. H. Barfoot relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 16th Oct.), and retains rank of Capt.; the relinquishment of his commsn. by tempy. Lieut. F. R. Malcolm, notified in *Gazette* 16th Oct., is cancelled.

Tempy. Lieut. R. Cuthbertson, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 18th Sept.), and is granted rank of Capt.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—E. D. Surtees (dated 28th May), with prec. next above J. Curry; E. E. Burhouse (dated 18th June); tempy. Lieut. E. E. Burhouse relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 5th Oct.), and retains the rank of Lieut. (substituted for *Gazette* notification 4th Oct.).

Tempy. Lieut. L. A. Gibson, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 15th Nov.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

51st Batt.—Tempy. Maj. C. Pannall, D.S.O., M.C. (Durh. L.I., Ser. Batt.) (Lieut., R.W. Surr. R.), relinquishes tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. on ceasing to cmnd. the Batt. (dated 14th Oct.).

Tempy. Lieut. G. M. Philip, D.S.O., M.C. to be tempy. Capt. (dated 22nd Feby., 1917); tempy. Lieut. G. S. Barrass relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 8th Oct.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

53rd Batt.—Capt. (Bt. Maj.) J. Walsh, D.S.O., to be actg. Maj. while sec. in cmnd. of the Batt. (dated 12th July).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. E. Harland to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 2nd Dec., 1917).

Tempy. Lieut. H. V. Crees relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 16th Oct.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Capt. K. E. S. Stewart, M.C. (W. York. R.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Maj. on ceasing to be emplyd. with a Ser. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 4th May).

LABOUR CORPS.

Tempy. Lieut. F. Archer, M.C., from North. Fusrs. (Ser. Batt.) to be tempy. Lieut. (with seniority 28th May), and to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. P. of W. Coy. (dated 1st Aug.).

Lieut. R. A. Brown (7th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F.) relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with Corps (dated 21st Sept.).

VOLUNTEER FORCE.

1st Batt. North. Fusrs.—Tempy. Maj. R. E. E. Spencer to be 2nd-in-cmnd. (dated 1st June, 1918) (substituted for announcements in *Gazettes* 30th July and 24th Sept., 1918).

TANK CORPS.

Tempy. Capt. A. H. Gatehouse, M.C. (Lieut., North. Fusrs.), to be Adjt., Depôt Batt. (dated 1st Sept.).

WAR HONOURS.

War Office,
24th October, 1919.

The following is among the Decorations and medals awarded by the Allied Powers at various dates to the British Forces for distinguished services rendered during the course of the campaign. The King has given unrestricted permission to wear the Decoration in question:—

CONFERRED BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE HELLENES.

ORDER OF THE REDEEMER.

Tempy. Capt. R. R. Strologo, 2nd Garr. Batt. North. Fusrs.

Buckingham Palace,
17th November, 1919.

Lieut.-Col. J. A. C. Somerville (upon relinquishing his appointment as His Majesty's Military Attaché at Tokio) had the honour of being received this morning, when the King invested him with the Insignia of a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

Guadaloupe Barracks,
Borden,
November, 1919.

Demobilisation still continues—over three hundred have left us during the past month.

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The draft for the 2nd Battalion is expected to proceed overseas at an early date.

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The consequent shortage of personnel, combined with the excellent work which goes forward from day to day on the football grounds, skating rink and gardens, brings training somewhat to a standstill.

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Company training, however, is expected to start on the 1st of January.

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On November the 1st two composite Companies of the Fifth with the Colours and two Companies of the Royal Fusiliers, under the Command of Bt.-Col. C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O., lined the streets in London on the occasion of H.I.M. the Shah of Persia's visit to the Guildhall.

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The Clerk of the Weather was inclined to make our very early start less inviting than it should have been—a slow drizzle and a dull, typically London sky being the order of the day.

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In the morning our beat was Fleet Street, and, after an interval for H.I.M.'s luncheon, the Thames Embankment.

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On November the 3rd, Capt. E. E. Dorman-Smith, M.C., and Capt. J. H. Hogshaw, M.C., with the King's Colour, 100 men and the Band and Drums, formed a Guard of Honour on the occasion of H.I.M.'s visit to Aldershot.

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We were drawn up outside the Gymnasium, and a com-

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plete Infantry Division awaited H.I.M. on the Queen's Parade.

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We were very pleased to see Capt. W. P. H. Rushbrooke, D.S.O., who paid us a visit on the 14th.

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The 2nd Manchester Regiment have left the Garrison, proceeding to Tipperary; by all accounts one of the less healthy towns at present in the Emerald Isle.

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The 2nd Batt. Royal Scots Fusiliers arrived on November the 19th, being played from Borden Station by our Band and Drums. With the arrival of the Dublin Fusiliers, our Fusilier Brigade will be complete.

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On November the 25th Lieut.-Col. A. Landen, D.S.O., D.C.M., left to take up his new appointment.

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He has been Quartermaster to the 1st Battalion for 18½ years, and has served continuously with the Fifth for 32 years.

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May the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, appreciate their gain as much as we deplore our loss, and so realise the wishes which follow him from all.

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Congratulations are due to the Corporals of the Battalion for the very excellent and well organised dance they gave in the Gymnasium on November 15th. The floor was in excellent condition, and the Band, as usual, left nothing to be desired.

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We have had two very interesting and valuable presents during the month.

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Lieut.-Col. G. F. T. Leather, 5th Fusiliers, sent us a picture of Phœbe Hessel and a History of Brighton which contains a biography of this remarkable woman, who died at the age of 108.

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She served as a Private in the Regiment, and at the Battle of Fontenoy, in 1745, received a bayonet wound in the arm.

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Lieut. M. Mort, who served with the 3rd (S.R.) Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, sent us a very fine book, entitled "Maps and Plans of the Principle Battles and Sieges in which the British Army was engaged during the War, 1808-1814."

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We are greatly indebted to our donors for their kindness.

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The following arrivals and departures are reported during the month:—

Officers.

Arrivals.

Lieut. J. H. Hogshaw, M.C.	20/10/19
Lieut. T. Bennett, M.C.	29/10/19
Capt. and Adjt. E. G. M. Buckley	30/10/19
Lieut. H. F. Attwater	5/11/19
Maj. E. L. D. Forster	7/11/19
Lieut. G. Thorneycroft	7/11/19
Lieut. K. A. Seth-Smith	17/11/19
Capt. C. H. Markham	19/11/19
Lieut. and Q.M. W. Myers, M.C., D.C.M.	20/11/19

Departures.

Tempy. Lieut. W. H. Foy	Demobilisation	24/10/19
2nd-Lieut. C. Elders	Retirement	26/10/19
Lieut. W. H. Griffiths, M.C.	To 2nd Battalion	2/11/19
Lieut. J. R. Ritzema	Educational Instruction School	5/11/19
Lieut.-Col. and Q.M. A. Landen, D.S.O., D.C.M.	To Royal Hospital, Chelsea	

Other Ranks.

Arrivals.

No.	8882	Sgt. A. Fletcher
,,	88637	C.S.M. J. Rafferty
,,	98104	Sgt. W. Hull
,,	2768	Sgt. E. Gosman
,,	98132	Sgt. J. R. Hall
,,	2009	C.Q.M.S. F. Willson
,,	26016	C.Q.M.S. W. Blake
,,	56288	Sgt. F. Davies
,,	1752	Sgt. J. Hebbron
,,	2255	Sgt. W. Loder
,,	26962	Sgt. J. Crowder
,,	98074	Sgt. H. J. Allan
,,	22/597	Sgt. J. Young
,,	43666	Sgt. W. Clare

Departures.

No.	97061	Sgt. G. Lawless
,,	40023	Sgt. D. Carnaby
,,	41020	Sgt. A. Carr
,,	46537	Lce.-Sgt. S. Hook
,,	2227	Sgt. A. Oliver
,,	26844	Sgt. T. Baird
,,	98133	Sgt. J. Hartley
,,	2442	Sgt. M. J. Farrell
,,	88637	C.S.M. J. Rafferty
,,	36242	Sgt. J. Dean
,,	26962	Sgt. J. Crowder
,,	43048	Sgt. J. Moore
,,	36042	Sgt. E. Hold
,,	69357	Sgt. J. D. Fordham
,,	21283	Sgt. T. Lazenby
,,	6296	C.S.M. J. A. Jeffs
,,	5301	Sgt.-Drmr. A. Slater

FOOTBALL NOTES.

Despite the fact that drafts and demobilisation still continue to play havoc with the Regimental Football XI., we managed to win three matches out of four, a very creditable achievement.

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The match played at Aldershot against the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders was a very keenly contested game; the score stood at a goal each until ten minutes before time, when our opponents scored three times in quick succession.

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Matches played to date:—

3rd Royal Fusiliers v. 1st Batt. 5th Fusiliers	Away	Won	2—1
3rd Royal Fusiliers v. 1st Batt. 5th Fusiliers	Home	Won	1—0
5th Brigade R.F.A. v. 1st. Batt. 5th Fusiliers	Home	Won	3—0
3rd Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders v. 1st Batt. 5th Fusiliers	Away	Lost	4—1

BOXING.

A Boxing Competition was held on Thursday, October 30th, 1919, at which Major Marchand, Army Gymnastic Staff, kindly acted as referee. The following is a list of events and competitions:—

Fly Weight Competition.—Pte. J. C. Wood, W Coy., beat Pte. Anderson, W Coy. Wood won by a small margin on points.

Bantam Weight Competition.—Pte. Vinton, X Coy., beat Pte. Johnson, Y Coy. Pte. Johnson was knocked out in second round.

Feather Weight Competition.—Lce.-Cpl. Fitzpatrick, W Coy., beat Pte. Foggin, Y Coy., after a keen contest.

Light Weight Competition.—Pte. J. Hall, X Coy., beat Pte. Currier, W Coy. The loser put up a very good fight.

A special four-rounds contest between two well-known boxing instructors (welter weights).—Staff-Sgt. Mather, A.G.S., beat C.S.M. Norton, A.G.S. There was very little between these two men, who put up a splendid fight. Mather won by a small margin on points.

There were also two exhibition bouts of three rounds between Sgt. Warriner, Y Coy., and Pte. Whybrow, Z Coy.,

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and Sgt. Stewart, X Coy., and Pte. Smith, Z Coy. The last-named bout proved very funny, much to the delight of the troops.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The property has arrived from Portsmouth, and we are now fairly comfortable.

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We commenced our Dancing Season, and the first dance, although only a practice one, proved very successful, and we hope to have some very excellent ones in the near future; the majority of the members are getting the new dances off and wearing the stiffness of five years away with practice.

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A few of the members have been demobilised and discharged, C.S.M. Jeffs, Sgt. Sutton, Sgt. Farrell, Sgt. Pepperall, and Sgt. Moore having left us for civilian life.

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Sgt.-Drmr. Slater has been posted to the Depôt, and has been relieved by Sgt. Hebbron, who has been appointed Tempy. Drum-Maj. to the Batt.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

25th November, 1919.

Congratulations to Capt. J. F. Lambton on his marriage. Capt. Lambton joined in 1903 and was one of that distinguished batch of recruit-officers who were trained that year at the old Havens Camp at Alnwick, under Lieut.-Col. R. Scott. His companions on the square included Capt. C. Mitchell, now of the Grenadier Guards, Capt. C. W. Hastings Wheler, Capt. the Hon. S. J. D. Joicey, who was killed in France while Adjutant of one of our Service Battalions, Capt. G. F. Melles, who met his death in Flanders with the Royal Artillery, Maj. E. A. Andrewes, Capt. J. M. Lambart (killed with the 1st Battalion in October, 1914) and Capt. A. Cochrane Forster. Capt. C. Bewicke and Lieut. A. W. Percy, the son of Col. Lord Algernon Percy who then commanded, destined to meet his fate in the "Queen Mary" at the Battle of Jutland, also served with the Battalion for the first time that year. Among the duty Officers of that recruits' training were Maj. Ernest A. Leather, who was killed in France with a Service Battalion, Capt. M. Lloyd, who died in France in hospital in March, 1915, and Lieut.-Col. A. Boddam-Whetham, who was killed in a flying accident on the Egypt-India air route while serving in the Royal Flying Corps. Capt. Lambton joined the 7th (Territorial) Battalion under Lieut.-Col. R. Scott in 1908, and served with that Battalion during the War.

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Capt. Baillie, who recently effected so gallant a rescue in Scotland of a woman who was drowning, is a son of an old 3rd Battalion Officer, Col. J. E. B. Baillie, of Dochfovo, who served in the Battalion from 1879 to 1885, under the command of the late Duke and during the transition from Light Infantry to Fusiliers.

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The late Railway Strike was responsible for many amusing experiences among the amateur workers whose efforts warded off the perils of starvation from the general public, and the old lady who rewarded the services of an obviously inexperienced porter at Paddington with the bestowal of sixpence would have been surprised had she been told that the recipient was the late Captain of the Battalion Cricket XI. and Commander of H Coy.!

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The prospects of the future 3rd Battalion Band have reached a favourable stage now that Sgt.-Dmr. Slater has concluded his duties with the Drums of the 1st Battalion. Sgt.-Dmr. Slater will doubtless revive the high standard set by his predecessors, notably by Sgt.-Dmr. J. Cordial, D.C.M., under whose auspices the Band attained a high degree of efficiency which met the approval of no less competent a judge than the late King Edward, who complimented all concerned on the playing of the Band at Alnwick on the occasion of his visit there in July, 1906, for the opening of the High Level Bridge at Newcastle. The set of silver tubular bells was first used when the Band played before the King at the Castle on the 10th and 11th July.

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DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
26th November, 1919.

Since our last notes we have had rather a severe reminder of winter, and old campaigners had considerable satisfaction in the luxury of warm and dry accommodation. With this luxury it is doubtful whether we were fitter to stand the inclemency than in those days when we lived the gipsy life.

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Toboganing, of course, was the ideal during the stay of the "Snow Mantle," and one energetic Officer was seen going "Town Moor" way, dragging after him an ample tobogan, scaning its limits for a Hill, upon which to enjoy the pleasure of the "Glide." Those who know where the hills are on this moor will understand how great was the joy, apart from the exercise of getting the tobogan there.

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Two or three Officers have been able to get in a few days shooting. From the accounts given to the "stay-at-homes" their bags were heavy. They were not, however, given a "sample" to try—as proof of the sport.

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In keeping with the rest of the Empire we held our two minutes Silent Parade on the 11th (Armistice Day Anniversary). The whole of the Depôt paraded under the command of Maj. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., and at the given time the whole parade stood at attention while the Buglers sounded the "Last Post."

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During the month we have had sundry visits from sundry inspecting Officers, who were taken round to see our latest introductions and so forth.

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There have been some preliminary canters with a view to adding dining rooms to the existing building, but whether these will mature in our time is a matter of doubt.

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Maj. G. C. Holderness and Capt. G. C. Hobbs were not allowed to rusticate long in this snug Depôt. They were bundled off rather quickly to join the 51st Royal Sussex Regiment, where we hear they are enjoying themselves!!

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Behold, we can report three recruits taken on the strength of the Depôt, already one at least is expert in all the "specialities" necessary to make an ideal soldier. We can promise him that he will have a good time with The Fusiliers.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

During the past month we have said good-bye to that old campaigner? S.M. Briddley, and also welcomed into our fold another, to wit Sgt.-Dmr. Slater, who now takes over Sergeant-Drummer to the 3rd Battalion. He is the proud possessor of two bugles and is on the look out for Band engagements (?) in the county. We are not sure how he is placed for band instruments but it has been whispered that one or two gentlemen have floated a fund to purchase a few delicate and high-toned mouth organs and jews-harps.

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Several members of the Mess are on the look out for Bolsheviks and during the past week broke up a meeting. I am sorry to say the speaker was a cripple and they pulled him off his platform and dismembered him of his crutches, leaving him to the tender mercies of the crowd. The members who performed this deed of valour were in civilians and were soon the heroes of an admiring crowd; when questioned as to their identity they said they were travellers for Keating's flea powder.

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Armistice Day was carried out as ordered and during the two minutes silence many wondered how they came to be left and managed to get through. In the evening the combined Mess held a Social and Whist Drive, which was a great success, Mrs. Featherton winning the lady's prize and *young* Mike Purcell the gentleman's. The boobie prize going to Sgt. and Mrs. F. E. Watson. It is whispered they are now in training for the next contest.

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Football is the order of the day and I think on the whole our two teams have been fairly fortunate in the Garrison League, No. II. Coy. managing to beat the Depôt D.L.I. team on their two fixtures, but am sorry to say receiving serious reverses against the Artillery teams. On the whole No. 1 is our best team but neither, I am afraid, will be in the running when time is called.

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We still have our monthly "nautches," this month's being held on the 21st instant. The same Committee was in power and carried out their duties well. Unfortunately we have few gentlemen dancers and so one saw plenty of wall-flowers again. Whist Drives are going to be held twice monthly, I believe, so now everyone is practising whist on the off-chance of winning a *piano* like Mrs. F. E. Watson did at our last.

9TH BATTALION NOTES.

ROUXMESNIL, FRANCE,
31st October, 1919.

Since the last "Notes" were sent in great changes have taken place in the Battalion.

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At the beginning of the month owing to the demobilization of the Derby men the Battalion was reduced to very small dimensions, but it was soon made up again by the attachment of both Officers and other ranks of the 17th Worcester Regiment. Among the Officers being Capts. Hinds and Bell, the latter of which took over the onerous duties of P.M.C. The Alancourt Detachment under Capt. Palmer came in on the 21st October and we were all glad to see the old faces amongst us once more.

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All sorts of rumours were flying about. Some say "Jauval" was responsible, others that they originated in the Cookhouse—the most popular one was that we were to proceed to England at an early date as a Battalion. In the absence of anything definite we recommenced training, sports and education, which had been interrupted by the many guard duties we were called upon to find.

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Capt. H. Ansell, our indefatigable Company-Commander of D Coy. and leader of sports, has left us for demobilization. It was with great regret that we saw him go. His Company was always to the fore in sports and it was due to his untiring energy and enthusiasm, supported so ably by C.S.M. Stoddart, that the Battalion always did so well in that line. "May his shadow never grow less."

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Our Quartermaster, Lieut. E. Hodgson, has also gone after a very strenuous time and we shall miss his cheery presence and the well known rebuff: "What a hope you have!"

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Many other Officers have also gone. At one time during the month we had 36 but half of these went at one fell swoop.

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Orders have been received that the Battalion be reduced to Equipment Guard by the 1st November.

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It has come at last, and it is with sad hearts that we see the large parties parading in the early dawn preparing to entrain for home—but it is tempered by the thought that most are anxious to get back to their former occupations.

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The Warrant Officers and Sergeants gave a farewell dinner at the Angleterre, in Dieppe, on the night of the 29th. It was a very recherché affair. Col. Thomson and Capt. Prismall (the Adjutant) attended. After the usual speeches everybody settled down to an enjoyable impromptu concert. R.S.M. Travill, M.C., presided and it may be remarked here that he has been with the Battalion since it was formed, more than five years ago. Another old member was Sgt. (now C.S.M.) Goldie. R.S.M. Travill was Battalion Q.M.S. until this year when he took over the duties of R.S.M. In his new role he was as excellent as he was in the one he relinquished and we shall all look back with pleasure to the time in which he was our Sergt.-Major.

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On the 30th the Officers gave a big farewell dinner to which many guests came. Under the auspices of the P.M.C. the aforesaid Capt. Bell, it was a splendid affair, and as the Junior Sub. described it "top hole."

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The String Band, under C.S.M. Hewitt, played for the last time and it is with great regret that we now lose it,

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for not only has it afforded the Battalion great pleasure but it has also done great work in playing for the various dances in Dieppe.

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A solemn note was struck when we drank a silent toast to the memory of all those of the Battalion who have died so gloriously in the Great War and brought fresh glory to the lustre of the "Fighting Fifth."

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Capt. Palmer proposed the health of the Commanding Officer who responded and thanked all for their co-operation and loyalty in maintaining the great reputation of the Battalion.

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After dinner dancing was indulged in until the "wee sma" hours and so ended a memorable dinner to which we will all look back upon with great pleasure for having been there and with sadness to think that it was our last.

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The Colour Party, under Lieut. Hutton, left camp early on the morning of the 1st November for the Depôt, and the following Sergeants composed the escort:—Sgts. Spencer, Craig and Morrison.

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The Officers are now awaiting orders from G.H.Q., after which the Battalion will have disappeared.

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It is with great regret that we shall not see any more "9th Battalion Notes" in the *St. George's Gazette*, but our work is done and so finishes a Battalion that has always had a good name and has taken a brilliant part in the Great War for Civilization.

Resurgam?

T.W.P.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
28th November, 1919.

By the time this appears in print the festive season will be close upon us, so we take this opportunity to wish all Fifth Fusiliers the best of luck, and peace and prosperity in the coming year.

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Subscriptions due in December:—

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C.S.M. W. Matthews

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We would remind the above that the new rates are now in force, *viz.*, Officers £1, other ranks 6/- per annum.

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We would also beg anyone whose rank is incorrectly given or who is incorrectly addressed in any way to send us a post-card giving their exact title and address.

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2nd-Lieut. C. H. Mitchell
Mrs. Ryott
Gen. Shoubridge, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.
Lieut. W. Smart
Capt. Clive Smith
Lieut. and Qrmr. J. W. White

DINNER TO B COMPANY NINTH BATTALION AND THE SIXTEENTH BATTALION.

From the "Newcastle Daily Journal," 17th November, 1919.

Lord Joicey, President of the Newcastle and Gateshead Chamber of Commerce, paid a fine tribute to the "Fighting Fifth" on Saturday night in St. George's Drill Hall, in presiding at a dinner given by the Military Committee of the Chamber of Commerce to about 650 officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the B Company, 9th Batt., and the 16th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers.

Among those present were: Earl Grey, Maj.-Gen. Sir Percival Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., Commander-in-Chief of the Northumberland Fusiliers; Col. Ritson, in Command of the 1st Batt.; Col. Erskine, C.B.E., C.B., C.M.G.; the Lord Mayor of Newcastle (Mr. Walter Lee), Major J. Talbot; Majors R. Temperley, E. Temperley and W. Anderson; Capts. L. C. Henderson and R. H. Worthington; Messrs. A. Brewis, F. B. Fenwick, R. S. Dalgleish, R. R. Wedderburn, Ridley Warham, J. H. Beckingham, J. S. Hindley, W. Armstrong, G. de Lorioi, H. E. Anderson,

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F. Kingston, T. M. Clague, R. Robson, T. Carrick and R. Coles.

Having proposed the toast of "The King," which was pledged with musical honours, Lord Joicey submitted the toast of "The Gallant Dead." At his request, all present stood in perfect silence for two minutes in memory of those gallant and patriotic men who sacrificed their lives in the great war and for the good of the nation.

Lord Joicey, in proposing "The Battalions," extended warm words of welcome to all present. When the horrible war first started it was the greatest honour to young men to fill the ranks and fight our battles. No part of the country responded to the call to arms more quickly and enthusiastically than Tyneside. It entered the minds of the commercial men that it would be a good thing if a Commercial Battalion could be formed. The result was that the young men of Tyneside, and the Quayside in particular, were so anxious to do their duty that there was no holding them back. (Applause.) On the 2nd September, 1914, a meeting was held, and it was decided to apply to the War Office for permission to form a Commercial Battalion. Two hundred-and-fifty men joined up at once without waiting for the reply from the War Office, and they afterwards became part of the 9th Battalion. On the 8th September, 1914, when the consent of the War Office was received, the Battalion was completed after only six days' recruiting. Training was then begun under the command of Col. Ritson, and a Battalion was produced which was well able to continue the splendid records of the "Fighting Fifth." The raising of the first Battalion by voluntary effort acted as a stimulus to other districts, and Tyneside Scottish, Tyneside Irish, and many other Northumberland Regiments followed.

The enthusiasm which characterised their efforts was symbolical of the patriotism which had always distinguished Northumberland in by-gone times. In the recruiting of the commercial men, the following gentlemen were prominent: — Colonels Stephenson and Ritson, Mr. George Renwick, M.P., Major Temperley, Mr. Richard Robson, Mr. A. Munro Sutherland (ex-Lord Mayor), and many others. The Battalion went to France on 22nd November, 1915, as part of the 96th Brigade of the 32nd Division. Thereafter the Chamber of Commerce pressed for a second Battalion to be formed, which was soon completed. Altogether 5,500 men were raised by the Chamber of Commerce.

Glorious records were achieved by the Battalion of which the 250 were the nucleus. He held in his hand an account of what they had done. The original members of the Quayside Company had been awarded 1 D.S.O., 15 M.C.'s, 3 bars to M.C.'s, 1 second bar to M.C., 3 D.S.M.'s, 3 M.M.'s, 1 bar to M.M., 3 foreign decorations, and 12 "mentions," a total of 43 honours. Commissions were gained by 118 men, and 68 of the original members of the Company were killed in action or died of wounds. That was a record which would bear favourable comparison with any other part of the Army. (Applause.)

The Battalions had gained distinction in battle. The 16th Northumberland Fusiliers attacked at Thiepval on 1st July, 1917, 686 officers and men taking part. Of these only 8 officers and 300 men answered the roll-call. In a raid at Ovilliers on 14th July, 1917, the casualties were 52. The Battalion thus suffered 430 casualties in a fortnight. Lieut.-General Macdough, Adjutant-General to the Forces, referring to the work of the Battalion, said: "In every engagement in which this Battalion took part it upheld the brilliant and glorious tradition of the Northumberland Fusiliers to which it belonged." The Fusiliers during the past 100 years have a wonderful record, having served in all parts of the globe—France, Spain, Peninsula, India, Lucknow, Khartoum and South Africa. But none of these gallant deeds had excelled the splendour of their work in the recent European war. (Applause.)

Earl Grey, on behalf of those present, returned thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for entertaining them to dinner. One of the great incentives of the men who joined up was undoubtedly a fact that they were proud of Tyneside, and wished to add to its reputation for patriotism and valour. Tyneside to-day was proud of what the men had done on the field of battle, and that in itself was sufficient reward for the splendid work achieved in the service of their beloved country. (Applause.)

Col. Ritson said this was a proud moment for the 16th Batt. It was gratifying, on their return home, to find that what they had done was so much appreciated by our fellow citizens. During their training and their period of service in action in France they were greatly indebted to the Military Committee of the Chamber of Commerce for all they did to make their service as easy as possible, and in this respect they would never forget the work of the Comforts Committee in forwarding parcels. When these arrived, they felt that they were not forgotten at home. Lord Joicey had referred to Thiepval, and those who were there knew what a hell they went through. Though the losses were heavy, it was a proud day for the Battalion. A great number of officers and men were lost that day, but, please God, they would never be forgotten. But the saddest day he experienced was when he had to bid farewell to the Battalion at Bethune in August, 1916. During all the time they were in France, they never had a court-martial on a single non-commissioned officer or man, which spoke very highly for the Battalion discipline and the good comradeship that existed. (Applause.)

The Bijou Orchestra, led by Mr. W. A. Crosse, played an excellent selection of music during the dinner, and the vocal programme which followed was provided by the Newcastle Quartette, under the direction of Mr. E. J. Gibbon, the soloists of the party being Mr. Frank Aikens and Signaller Harold Woodmass, R.G.A.

18th BATTALION DINNER.

Guests of the Chamber of Commerce.

Another successful dinner and re-union of the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the "Commercials" was held on Saturday, 22nd November, in St. George's Drill Hall, Newcastle, when members of the 18th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers who have returned to civil life were entertained to dinner by the Newcastle and Gateshead Incorporated Chamber of Commerce. Over 500 people were present.

Maj. Temperley, Chairman of the Military Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, presided, and he was supported by Col. Shakespear, C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., Commanding Officer of the Battalion; Mr. George Renwick, M.P., Col. Robert Stephenson, O.B.E., D.S.O., Maj. Dodsworth, Col. Erskine, C.B., R.S.M. Shepheard, Q.M.S. Cole and others.

Having proposed the toast of "The King," the Chairman gave the toast of the "Gallant Dead," and at his request those present stood in perfect silence for a few moments.

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The Chairman, in submitting the toast of "The Battalions," said it was his privilege to welcome all present on behalf of the Military Committee of the Chambers of Commerce. It was impossible to express in words their admiration, their pride and gratitude for the men's gallant services and for the splendid spirit that animated this Battalion throughout the whole of the war. While on active service the men had never been forgotten, and now that they had come home they desired to acknowledge their gratitude to them for the splendid work they had done.

In spite of injuries sustained in a most unfortunate accident about ten days ago their gallant and highly-esteemed Commanding Officer, Col. Shakespear, had honoured them by his presence that night. (Applause.)

Col. Shakespear, in the name of his old Battalion, returned sincere thanks for the generous way they were being entertained. They would never forget the time when they were setting out on their campaign. On that occasion Mr. George Renwick said anything the men got then would not be equal to what they would get when they came back. Thank God a lot came back, but they had left a lot of good fellows out there. Still, taking things as a whole, the Battalion had been very lucky.

"A great deal was being said about the fine work of the Battalion," said the Colonel, "but I don't know that we did so much, for if a fellow won't fight for his country when it needs him and fight to protect his home and friends, what in the world is the good of him? (Applause.) We all knew the horrors of the war up the line, but the spirit of the men indicated their determination that such horrors would never be experienced in England if they could help it. (Applause.)

"Surely we did not require too much praise for having done our best to keep the Germans out. And I think we should still fight to keep them out altogether. (Applause.) That is the only thing that remains to us. But we will need to look precious sharp, I can tell you.

"We lost a good many men out there who died for their country. What we have to do now is to live for our country. (Applause.) That takes a lot more doing, because you have to keep on doing all the time." He concluded by calling for three hearty cheers for the raisers of the Battalion.

R.S.M. Shepheard also returned thanks on behalf of the men to the Chambers of Commerce for all their kindness.

At a smoking concert held immediately after the dinner R.S.M. Shepheard presided.

Crosse's Military Band contributed selections during the evening.

In the course of the evening, Col. Shakespear presented to Pte. E. Storey, of Whitley Bay, the Military Medal, which he won for bravery and devotion to duty.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH BATTALION NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

On May 26th, 1915, those officers and men of the 4th and 7th Battalions Northumberland Fusiliers who were not passed medically fit for foreign service under the more stringent examination of the early days were joined together at Longbenton Camp, near Newcastle, and formed into one Battalion under the title of No. 1 Northern Coast Defence Battalion. The combination was a happy one, as the 4th and 7th Battalions had in time past been the 1st Volunteer Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, which was then a unit some 1,500 strong, and was at the inauguration of the Territorial Force formed into two Battalions, the 4th, with its headquarters at Hexham, recruiting from just outside the Newcastle area to Haltwhistle on the West and Bellingham on the North; the 7th, with headquarters at Alnwick, taking the Northern half of the County from Morpeth and Ashington to Berwick-on-Tweed. Many of the older members of all ranks had, therefore, served together in the past, and the Battalion, therefore, quickly "found itself."

The official state of the new Battalion was as follows:—

In Command. Lieut.-Col. G. Reavell, T.D., recently commanding 2/7th Northd. Fusiliers.

2nd in Command. Lieut.-Col. and Hon. Col. E. Joicey, recently commanding 2/4th N.F. (Before joining up, Col. Joicey was detached to command 3rd line at Hexham.)

Adjutant. Capt. P. G. Reynolds, previously Adjutant 2/7th N.F.

Quartermaster. Lieut. D. Hebenton, previously Q.M. of 2/7th N.F.

No. 1 Coy. Maj. R. C. Hedley, from 2/4th N.F. (Took over duties of 2nd in Command on 11th June.)
Capt. J. R. Blackett-Ord, 2/4th N.F.
Capt. S. Hankin, 2/4th N.F.
Lieut. B. H. Ormsby, 2/4th N.F.
2nd-Lieut. S. D. Majoribanks, 2/4th N.F.

The last three were almost immediately transferred for duties with other Battalions.

No. 2 Coy. Capt. J. A. Herriott, 2/4th N.F.
Capt. A. North, 2/4th N.F.
Lieut. P. L. Hunting, 2/4th N.F.
2nd-Lieut. E. Anderson, 2/4th N.F.
2nd-Lieut. E. H. Tully, 2/4th N.F.

Capt. Herriott was posted to take over A Coy. from Maj. Hedley on June 11th.

Lieuts. Hunting and Anderson were almost immediately transferred to other Battalions.

No. 3 Coy. Maj. J. J. Gillespie, 2/7th N.F. (Transferred to take command of 3/7th N.F. at Alnwick on 10th June.)
Capt. J. E. N. Thompson, 2/7th N.F.
Lieut. C. Kay.
2nd-Lieut. T. A. Lacey Thompson.
2nd-Lieut. J. K. Frazer.

Lieut. Thompson took over duties of Transport Office.

No. 4 Coy. Capt. D. K. McComb, 2/4th N.F.
Capt. R. H. Hodgkin, 2/7th N.F.
Lieut. E. Crow, 2/7th N.F.
2nd-Lieut. R. Johnston 2/4th N.F.

On June 10th the name was changed from No. 1 Northern Coast Defence Battalion to 21st Provisional Battalion.

On July 6th the Battalion marched to new quarters at Plessey North Camp, near Cramlington, and a place in the defence of the second line assigned to it, in the vicinity of Laverock Hall, where much labour was expended in improving and re-aligning the trenches.

The Battalions at this Camp were formed into the 10th Provisional Brigade, and command was assumed by Brig.-Gen. the Hon. W. E. Cavendish, M.V.O., an ex-Grenadier Guardsman.

On July 27th, 1915, the Brigade was moved up to the front line, taking over the coast from Seaton Sluice to the Wansbeck, of which the Battalion took the portion from the Cambois Lifeboat Station to the Wansbeck, and later the whole extent from the Blyth to the Wansbeck. Battalion Headquarters were fixed at Cambois Institute.

Here, as during the rest of its career, the Battalion was

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continuously receiving recruits and training and sending them forward as drafts to the overseas units, so that with a constantly changing personnel and ceaseless trench construction, all ranks were maintained hard at work. Frequently coast warnings and periods of "special vigilance" kept us always on the alert.

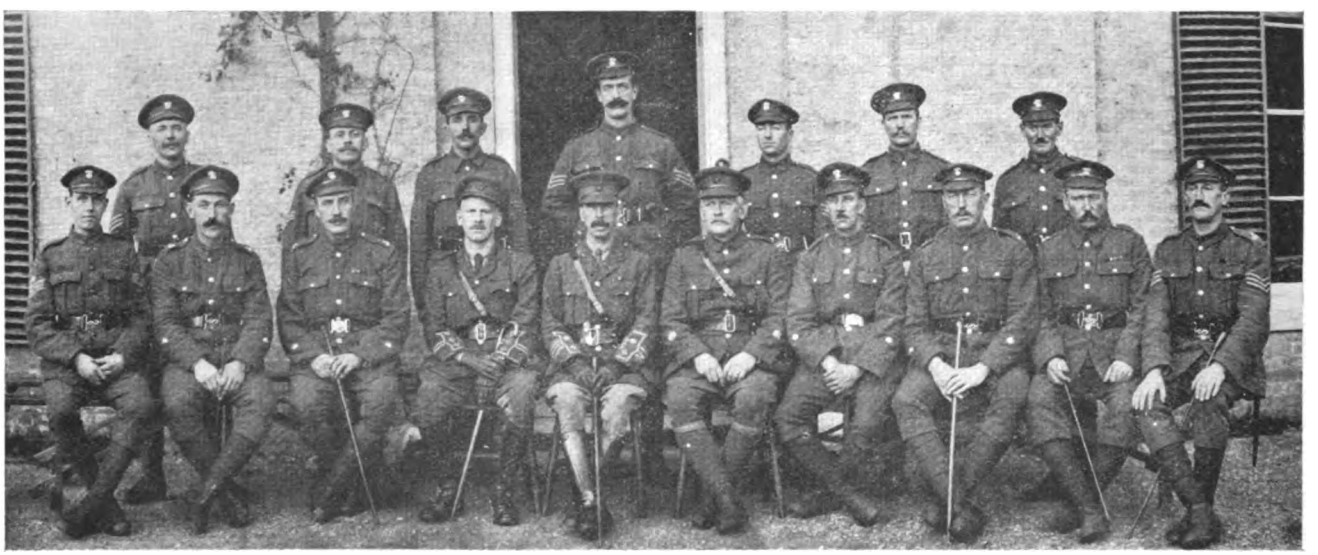
The transference of Capt. Herriott to the 3/4th N.F. in February, 1916, gave A Coy. to Capt. Hodgkin.

On March 25th, 1916, the Brigade moved to the Thames defences, taking up a line from Reculver (East of Herne Bay) to and beyond Whitstable, with the Devons on the right, Hants in the centre, the Somersets on the left, and the 35th N.F. in reserve with their Headquarters at Upstreet, some six miles in rear. On the evening of the 28th, however, a severe gale broke out, and by midnight wind, rain, sleet and snow had levelled more than half of the tents and reduced the field, which had been a camp during the previous autumn, to a quagmire. On the 29th and Johnson, O'Daly and Scott soon closed promising careers by meeting a soldier's death. Steven had been a most able signalling officer, and was not long in France before he was attached to H.Q. Staff for signalling duties.

On September 20th the Battalion suffered a severe blow by the transference of 237 miners to work in the mines, the need for coal having become a matter of national urgency; subsequently several other similar parties left. The pitmen had been staunch and hearty soldiers, thoroughly amenable to discipline, and excellent trench workers. They produced a large number of sound warrant and non-commissioned officers, and their departure was keenly felt.

On the last days of October the Battalion moved from camp into winter billets.

On January 1st, 1917, the name of the unit was again, and for the last time, changed. The new designation of 35th Northumberland Fusiliers was a popular one; all ranks had considered themselves as belonging to the FIFTH,



Front Row:—Sgt. J. S. Emerson, 4th Batt.; Sgt. W. A. Dixon, 7th Batt.; Sgt. J. Brown, 7th Batt.; Pnr.-Sgt. Milburn, 4th Batt.; Sgt. J. Smith, 7th Batt.; C.Q.M.S. Charlton, 4th Batt.; C.Q.M.S. Arthur, 7th Batt. *Front Row*: Sig.-Sgt. Nattrass, 4th Batt Sgt. Hindmarsh, 7th Batt.; C.S.M. Cowans, 7th Batt.; Capt. and Adjt. D. K. McComb, 4th Batt.; Lieut.-Col. G. Reavell, 7th Batt.; R.S.M. J. J. Turnbull, 4th Batt.; R.Q.M.S. J. Robson, 4th Batt.; C.S.M. Dixon, 4th Batt.; C.S.M. Sisk, 4th Batt.; Sgt. Arnott, 7th Batt.

the Battalion moved into Herne Bay, its tactical position still being that of a reserve.

In April the unit went under canvas on the common near Herne Bay Station.

Up to the end of 1915 the Battalion had been fortunate in its Adjutant, Capt. P. G. Reynolds, but he had been borrowed for special duties, and the office had been carried on after the move from Northumberland by Capt. D. K. McComb, who was formally gazetted on March 21st, 1916, and who was equally successful in the onerous duties as Adjutant until final disbandment.

D Coy. was taken over by Capt. Crow.

On May 12th the Battalion took over a part of the front line from a point in the Beltinge Cliffs to Herne Bay Pier, and on the 16th the line was inspected by F.M. Lord French.

On July 24th 2nd-Lieuts. R. Johnson, R. D. R. O'Daly, J. A. Scott, G. F. Steven and A. R. Haseler left us for the 4th Reserve Batt. and later the first line 4th and 7th,

and although there was a large sprinkling of officers from other units, the N.F.'s were the basis and by far the largest proportion, and the newcomers had soon imbibed the FIFTH traditions and spirit.

St. George's Day was observed with full honours, an inspection by the Brigadier in the morning being followed by a holiday for the remainder of the day.

On April 25th the line was again inspected by F.M. Lord French.

On July 2nd a draft of 100 rank and file left for France, followed on the 16th by another of 53. Amongst them were two good N.C.O.'s, who were soon to fall, Sgt. Thompson and Sgt. McVeigh, and the news of their death cast a gloom over the Battalion. McVeigh was a born instructor of musketry, our champion boxer and step dancer, and one of the cheeriest and heartiest of souls.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE DIARY OF A SECOND BATTALION STRETCHER BEARER.

SECOND BATTALION, 1915-1916.

My life from when we received orders for England, 10/11/1914, until the present time, 10/10/1916.

At the time of the outbreak of war I was in Sabathu, in India, then I proceeded to Ambala with my Regiment in the beginning of November.

I was holding the position of Band Corporal at the time and for about a week before we left for Kurachi ourselves, we, the Band were playing all the Regiments leaving the district away from Ambala Station.

Among the various units we played away the 1st H.L.I. and the 8th Hussars.

On the 15th of November we ourselves paraded to leave but there was no band to play us away. We entrained on the afternoon of the 15th and I remember I had rather a hard time as I was Orderly Sergeant.

We were three days in the train and at every stop for meals of course the Orderly Sergeants were wanted, and what with the heat and perhaps excitement, I contracted a slight touch of fever, and would have had to give in except for being afraid that I should be left behind.

We landed at Kurachi at about tea time on the 18th and it was just getting dark before we were able to get on the boat. While waiting to embark the Orderly Sergeants had a rather rough time as we seemed to be wanted all over the place at once, and after we had got on the boat I collapsed with fever. Of course if I had paraded sick I should probably have had to stop in India for another boat so I found the Bandmaster and he arranged that some other N.C.O. would finish my Orderly Sergeant's work, and I was sent to bed in his cabin where I remained until the boat sailed.

After we left Kurachi I went into the ship's hospital for treatment, where I remained for a day or two.

After we had been out to sea for a day or two we started our band performances, playing at one end of the ship in the morning and the other end in the afternoon to the troops, and on alternate nights we played to the Officers' Mess and sometimes to a dance for the Officers, and although we were on board a ship I had to play the xylaphone, bells and glockenspiel as these instruments seemed to be always in demand.

We had the Welsh Regiment on board with us and their Band played at the opposite end of the boat to the one we played on so there was always plenty of music on board and it kept all the troops busy and fairly happy.

We used to do a bit of gymnastics and drill each morning to keep us fit, and from time to time there was a concert or a boxing tournament or sports organised, and the Band were practising first aid for the time that we should be the Regimental Stretcher Bearers.

The voyage proved rather long and uneventful except that one poor man walked into the aft hatch, evidently asleep, and fell down and got killed.

We landed at Devonport on the 22nd of December and all the married people left the boat first. As luck would have it I was Orderly Sergeant again for the disembarking; I don't know, but I always seemed to be Orderly Sergeant when there was any extra work to do. On the night we arrived we all marched off the boat by Companies and went to a large store where we were fitted out with home service clothes, and we remained on the boat that night, which I spent packing band instruments which we were not going to use any more, as they were going to Newcastle and we were not.

At about 10 a.m. the next day we paraded and left the boat and marched to Devonport Station which was about two or three miles away.

I started from the boat with full marching order, a big black sea kit bag and another small parcel, so I was well loaded.

We arrived in Winchester Station at about 5.30 in the afternoon and found that we had to march about five miles to the camp, which nearly killed me, I must say, and I think it affected nearly everybody as we had been tied up for five weeks on a boat, and I suppose we were all rather weak.

When we arrived in camp the Orderly Sergeants were required in a hurry again so your humble had his work cut out. We were told off to our tents and ordered to fall in again as soon as we had got our equipment off for the purpose of unloading motor lorries which had the Battalion baggage on. These lorries were down on the road about half a mile from the camp and it being dark it was hard to keep the men to their work as everyone was trying to get away to get something to eat.

The next day when I woke up I found that I was in for a touch of tonsilitis, so as the Battalion was starting leaves that day dad advised me to put my name in for the first batch, and as I did not know where my home was I went to see my friends at Buxton.

Well, my name went in for leave but I did not get away until three o'clock in the afternoon, and getting a lift to Winchester I arrived there at about 4 p.m. of the 24th, and according to the time table I should have been able to get to Buxton by midnight. So I sent off a wire saying that I would be with them *that night*.

When I got my ticket the official said that I could only go by the London and N.W. *via* Stockport, and as there was no time to get it altered I had to go. I rode to London in the guard's van which was packed with men doing the same thing as myself so that part of the journey was not very comfortable. When I arrived in London I went to the Transport Officer to see if I could get my ticket altered to the Midland route but he said that he could not alter it for me so I had to catch a train to Stockport.

I was very unfortunate again as there was no train to Stockport until midnight or two o'clock in the morning, so I spent the time getting some eatables at a Y.M.C.A. near the station.

I had a good seat in the train North as the majority had gone in other trains and I found I only had three companions as far as Stockport.

Luck out again, I had unfortunately got into a slow train and did not land in Stockport until about 8 a.m. on Christmas day, and found that I had to go to another station to catch my connection to Buxton, which I only managed to do by taking a taxi. Well, my train was another slow one and I thought I was never going to get to Buxton, but eventually managed to land there at about 11.30 a.m. so I thought I would walk to the house. I started off slowly as I was in full marching order and landed at my friends' house just in time to help them to eat the Christmas dinner, and found that I was not expected until Christmas night. My wire which I sent the night before did not land there until eight o'clock in the

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morning and they thought that I wasn't coming until that night.

I spent the rest of the day cleaning myself as I was covered in mud. That was my second day out of five.

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The following casualties, taken from War Office lists, have regretfully to be recorded:—

WARRANT OFFICERS, N.C.O.'s AND MEN.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

No. 31663 J. W. Brown (Pimlico, S.W.)
" 65476 W. Carter (New Wortley)
" 11013 Sgt. G. Day (Heaton)
" 69647 A. J. Galyer (London, N.W.)
" 34038 actg. Cpl. W. A. Hale (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
" 266151 W. Gibson (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
" 48251 B. Lake (Gateshead)
" 64808 B. Hoskin (Hadfield)
" 21286 W. King (Birmingham)
" 1772 W. Lillie (New Delavel)
" 341235 R. J. McLeod (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
" 341237 W. Nicholson (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
" 242062 V. Sykes (Batley)
" 22763 J. W. Woodward (Rotherham)
" 65251 L. Wall (Keighley)
" 65795 W. H. Wright (Hanley)
" 17509 L. Barnes (Sheffield)
" 59393 Cpl. J. Glancy (Crossakiel)
" 66267 T. McCricket (Cleator Moor)
" 55573 E. Marshall (Yeadon)
" 61573 R. Miller (Winlaton)
" 444 J. Noon (Wallsend)
" 69005 W. M Norcott (Newark)
" 69605 A. V. Siebert (London, E.)
" 32631 G. Wilson (Elland)
" 69626 R. R. Wilson (Battersea, S.W.)
" 204335 R. Harrison (Harrogate)
" 1188 G. Ingledew (Gateshead)
" 1567 G. Lowes (Scotswood)
" 60876 J. McLean (Gateshead)
" 37460 J. Mann (Mansfield)
" 342 Sgt. E. D. Ord (Gateshead)
" 64962 J. W. Short (Derby)
" 33539 G. Smith (Bradford)
" 36671 E. Thornley (Chisworth)
" 943 C. Blakey (Newcastle)
" 38907 P. Brownridge (Leeds)
" 340381 A. Campbell (Newcastle)
" 235809 R. Charlton (Ryton-on-Tyne)
" 41458 I. Holdsworth (Wyke)
" 16870 F. Fullard (Wolverhampton)
" 38763 A. Griffin, M.M. (Sheffield)
No. 78980 Lce.-Cpl. H. W. Pickett (Brighton)
" 4377 J. Collins (Wallsend)
" 64864 E. S. Ayliffe (Chesterfield)
" 45693 F. Dyson (Bradford)
" 47084 F. Scholes (Whitfield, Manchester)
" 40204 E. Bradly (Halifax)
" 60621 F. W. Finn (Folkestone)
" 64615 T. Lewis (Hull)
" 36950 F. H. Robinson (Loughborough)
" 240539 N. Sharp (Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne)
" 7501 W. Clark (Shankhouse)
" 55512 W. T. Millard (Marylebone, N.W.)
" 39044 Sgt. E. W. Orange (Nottingham)
" 8379 J. Thompson (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
" 38413 H. Ball (Nottingham)
" 75836 S. J. Bowes (Malton)
" 12427 E. Kirk (Nottingham)
" 75820 J. T. Samwell (Northampton)
" 36820 W. A. Davis (Walsall)
" 28361 J. Holmes (Keighley)
" 41272 J. Moffit (Gateshead)
" 12 T. Allison (Bearpark Colliery)
" 46565 Lce.-Cpl. H. Booth (Liversedge)
" 41845 Lce.-Cpl. L. Scurr (Leeds)
" 1305 A. Topham (Leeds)
" 37423 C. M. Horner (Beverley)
" 23477 Lce.-Cpl. J. O'Hara, M.M. (Wigton)
" 17241 J. W. Judge (Mansfield)
" 60658 E. H. Rogers (Hythe)
" 1534 Cpl. W. Shannon (Ashington Colliery)
" 41492 J. E. Wymer (Aylsham)
" 839 R. Atkinson (Gateshead)
" 69081 C. A. Bannister (Burton-on-Trent)
" 44436 W. J. Crook (Dovercourt)
" 1330 A. Proudfoot (Gateshead-on-Tyne)
" 6902 R. Scorfield (Seaton)
" 56251 J. Smith (Little Barrington, Burford)
" 65516 S. W. Green (Market Deeping)
" 64441 T. Holroyd (West Hartlepool)
" 64496 M. Maloney (Limerick)
" 873 W. Needham (Hull)
" 65477 W. T. Day (Conisborough)
No. 12798 T. Routledge (Ashington)
" 677 Sgt. W. Jeffrey (Carlisle)
" 16222 A. Rodgers (North Seaton Colliery)
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BIRTH.

RICKMAN.—On the 6th December, 1919, at Salisbury, to Muriel, the wife of Lieut.-Col. A. W. Rickman, D.S.O., 5th Fusiliers—a son.

DEATH.

DRESSER.—On the 23rd December, 1919, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, Helen Dresser, the wife of No. 258 R.S.M. Dresser, Depôt, Northumberland Fusiliers, aged 30 years.

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following appointments are made:—

(CL. GG).—Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. C. F. Cass, Ser. Batt. North. Fusrs., and to be tempy. Lieut. while so emplyd. (dated 12th May).

G.S.O., 3rd GRADE.—Capt. C. Chipper, M.C., North. Fusrs., from a Brig.-Maj. (dated 1st Nov.).

ESTABLISHMENTS.

R. HOSP., CHELSEA.—Qrmr. and Lieut.-Col. A. Landen, D.S.O., D.C.M., from North. Fusrs., to be Qrmr., *vice* Qrmr. and Lieut.-Col. E. T. Hynes, D.S.O., resigned appt. (dated 26th Nov.).

The following relinquish their appointments:—

PERSONAL STAFF.

A.D.C.—Lieut. (tempy. Capt.) A. B. Surtees, North. Fusrs. (dated 15th April) (substituted for the notification in the *Gazette* of 22nd May).

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT.

CL. GG.—Capt. H. G. Lynch-Staunton, 5th R. Fusrs., Spec. Res. (Maj., ret. pay, Res. of Off.), as a Musketry Officer (dated 21st September).

GENERAL STAFF.

BRIG.-GEN.—Bt. Col. B. T. Buckley, C.B., C.M.G., Wilts. R., and relinquishes the tempy. rank of Brig.-Gen. (dated 3rd Dec.).

STAFF CAPT.—Capt. A. B. Thompson, 5th North. Fusrs., T.F., (dated 14th Nov.).

MEMORANDA.

The grant of higher rank as Capt. to the following while emplyd. as Education Officer to be "temporary" and not "acting" as notified in previous *Gazette*:—Lieut. E. Veitch, Ser. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 17th Nov., 1918). The following relinquishes the tempy. rank of Capt.—Tempy. Lieut. R. L. Evans, 3rd Garr. Batt. North. Fusrs., on ceasing to be emplyd. as a Comdt., P. of W. Camp (dated 17th Oct.).

Majs. and Bt. Lieut.-Cols. on the h.p. list.—C. M. A. Wood, D.S.O., from North. Fusrs., and to retain his present appt.

To be tempy. Lieut.-Col.—Maj. (now Bt.-Col.) C. M. A. Wood, D.S.O., while an A.A.G. (dated 28th July, 1916).

Tempy. Lieut. A. L. Moore, North. Fusrs., to be actg. Capt. whilst cmndg. 1st Northern T.M. Batty. (dated 12th June to 19th Oct.).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Lieut. J. H. Hogshaw, M.C., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (dated 20th Oct.).

Lieut. A. R. Brown is placed on h.p. list on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 28th Nov.).

2nd-Lieut. D. Story to be Lieut. (dated 29th Nov.).

Lieut. (late actg. Capt.) J. W. Crouch, D.C.M., retires on retired pay (dated 3rd Dec.), and is granted the rank of Capt.; Capt. E. G. M. Buckley to be Adjt. (dated 20th Oct.).

Capt. C. G. Arkwright, M.C., 4th Batt., T.F., to be actg. Maj. whilst serving on Hdqrs. of a Batt. (dated 20th Oct., 1918, to 30th March).

Lieut. W. Myers, M.C., D.C.M., to be Qrmr., with the rank of Lieut. (dated 26th Nov.).

Lieut. W. E. Richardson, 4th Batt., T.F., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (dated 6th Nov.); Lieut (tempy. Maj.) B. H. Jones retires on ret. pay (dated 21st Dec.), and is granted the rank of Maj.; Lieut. R. L. Nisbet retires on ret. pay, on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 21st Dec.).

GARRISON BATTALIONS.

3rd Home Ser. Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. N. St. C. Mackay relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 18th Aug.), and retains rank of Lieut.

1st Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. G. W. Toward relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 4th Nov.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. G. B. Haughton is restored to estbt. (dated 26th Oct.).

4th Batt.—Tempy. Maj. R. C. Hedley, T.D. (Capt., ret. list), resigns his commsn. (dated 18th Dec.), and retains his rank, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform.

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. H. A. Cooper is restored to the estbt. (dated 21st Oct.).

5th Batt.—Lieut. A. R. Park relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 16th Dec.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

6th Batt.—Capt. (actg. Maj., without pay and allowances) F. Robinson, D.S.O., R. Innis. Fusrs., relinquishes the actg. rank of Maj. on alteration in posting (dated 2nd July, 1918).

7th Batt.—Lieut.-Col. P. S. Nicoll, 5th Batt. R. Highrs., ceases to be emplyd with Batt. (dated 3rd July).

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SERVICE BATTALIONS.

Tempy. Capt. D. P. Fagan, from Gen. List, to be tempy. Capt. (dated 12th May), with seniority 20th Jany., 1915; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. Fisken to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 18th June), with prec. next below C. A. Yarrow.

Tempy. Lieut. G. Coleby, M.C., relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. (dated 31st Oct.).

Tempy. Lieut. H. Ansell, M.M., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (addtl.) 9th Batt. (dated 17th Oct.); tempy. Lieut. H. Ansell, M.M., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 17th Oct.), and is granted rank of Capt.

Tempy. Lieut. F. W. Todd, from Gen. List, to be tempy. Capt. (dated 12th July, with seniority from 16th June, 1915); tempy. Lieut. R. E. M. Finlayson, from Gen. List, to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 12th May, with seniority from 14th Feby., 1918).

Tempy. Lieut. P. Cavan relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 2nd Dec.), and retains rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Maj. L. H. Phillips relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 14th Oct.), and retains rank of Maj.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. I. Gosden, from Gen. List, to be tempy. 2nd-Lieut. (dated 18th Oct.), with seniority from 25th Jany., 1917; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. I. Gosden to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 25th July, 1918).

40th Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. L. C. Thomas, M.C. (E. Surrey R. Ser. Batt.), to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. (dated 27th Aug.).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. Parkin to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st Nov.).

Lieut. M. R. Steel, D.S.O., M.C. (3rd Batt., Spec. Res.) relinquishes the tempy. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with a Ser. Batt. (dated 14th March); tempy. Lieut. H. C. Brown relinquishes his commsn. (dated 11th Oct.).

Lieut. J. Moffat, M.C. (North. Fusrs., Spec. Res.), relinquishes the tempy. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with a Ser. Batt. (dated 22nd Jany.). The notification regarding tempy. 2nd-Lieut. S. R. Thompson, in *Gazette* of 17th March, is cancelled.

Tempy. Capt. E. W. Shann relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 19th Feby.), and retains the rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. E. G. Smith relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 13th Nov.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. E. I. Williams to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 18th June); tempy. Lieut. E. I. Williams relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 17th Oct.), and retains the rank of Lieut. (substituted for *Gazette* notification 16th Oct.); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. F. Macdonald relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 13th Nov.), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

9th Batt.—Lieut. F. G. Palmer (6th Batt. R. Fusrs., Spec. Res.) to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. (dated 1st Aug.).

Tempy. Capt. G. Metcalfe, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 12th Nov.), and retains the rank of Capt.

Tempy. Lieut. E. L. G. Clegg relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (dated 17th March); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. T. J. Macmorland to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st July, 1917, with prec. next below G. Donald).

Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Maj.) R. R. Robertson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 14th Nov.), and is granted rank of Maj.; tempy. Lieut. W. P. Ahern relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. (dated 6th Dec., 1918); tempy. Lieut. J. Laing relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 15th Nov.), and retains rank of Lieut. Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—J. J. Van der Merwe (dated 18th June), with prec. next below R. L. B. Shutt; W. T. Lightly (dated 1st Nov., 1918), with prec. next above W. Parkin; H. D'O. Mantle, with prec. next below W. Parkin; H. Pawsey, J. H. Simmonds (dated 29th Nov.).

Tempy. Capt. E. S. Brown, from Gen. List, to be tempy. Capt. (dated 12th May, with seniority from 5th Nov., 1918); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. MacLaren, M.C., is seconded on appt. as probr. to Ind. Army (dated 18th Dec., 1918, with seniority from 28th March, 1917) (substituted for *Gazette* notification 31st Jany., under Gen. List); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. MacLaren, M.C., to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 28th Sept., 1918, with prec. next above C. F. Egan, and remains seconded).

Tempy. Lieut. R. Loverock relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 5th Aug.), and is granted the rank of Capt.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. F. J. McCluskey is seconded on appt. as probr. to Ind. Army (dated 27th May, 1918). (Substituted for *Gazette* notification 18th June, 1918, under Gen. List); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. F. J. McCluskey to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 13th Aug., 1918), and remains seconded; Cadet T. M. Noonan to be tempy. 2nd-Lieut. (dated 4th Feby.), under the provisions of the Royal Warrant dated 30th Dec., 1918, promulgated in Army Order 42 of 1919. (Substituted for *Gazette* notification 15th February, describing name as T. M. Nooman.)

Tempy. Capt. C. N. G. Koch, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 15th Nov.), and retains the rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. J. W. Gibb relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 20th Dec.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. Anderson to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 18th June), with prec. next below G. Llewellyn.

Tempy. Lieut. G. F. Philip relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. 8th Batt. (dated 1st March).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. F. W. Calvert to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st Nov.), with prec. next below W. T. Lightly.

MACHINE GUN CORPS.

Lieut. J. W. Crouch, D.C.M. (North. Fusrs.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. as Asst. Instr. (dated 29th May).

WAR HONOURS.

The King has given orders for the following appointments to Orders, &c., for valuable services rendered in connection with Military Operations. Dated 3rd June, 1919:—

C.M.G.

Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. C. M. A. Wood, D.S.O.

C.B.E.

Maj. (tempy. Lieut.-Col.) J. A. C. Somerville, C.M.G.
Lieut.-Col. A. E. Whitaker

O.B.E.

Capt. G. E. Darley-Waddilove
Maj. C. E. Thornton

TO BE BREVET MAJOR.

Capt. H. M. Heyder, M.C.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

No. 290013 Q.M.S. M. H. Blackett, 7th Batt. (Berwick-on-Tweed)
,, 9335 Cpl. T. Reid, 11th Batt. (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
,, 6677 S.M. E. Brindley, Depôt (Liverpool)
,, 3/9450 Q.M.S. J. Fenton, Depôt (Nottingham)
,, 9514 Q.M.S. J. F. Honeyball, Depôt (Newcastle-on-Tyne)

WAR OFFICE,
15th December, 1919.

The following are among the Decorations and Medals awarded by the Allied Powers at various dates to the British Forces for distinguished services rendered during the course of the campaign. The King has given unrestricted permission in all cases to wear the Decorations and Medals in question.

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

CROIX DE GUERRE.

Capt. C. Chipper, M.C.
Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Maj.) R. R. Robertson, T.F.

MEDAILLE MILITAIRE.

No. 66356 Pte. W. P. Hodgson, 9th Batt. (Gateshead)

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RETROSPECT OF 1919.

WRITING of the first year of Peace, we must needs open our tale with mixed feelings:—

On the one hand we see the Giant Structure of Battalions which it has been the Regiment's proud duty to erect crumbling fast before our eyes—tried friends vanish down the bye-paths of civilian life, some to resume peaceful, pre-war occupations, others, alas, to find no occupation awaiting them. All these we shall be unlikely to meet again save through the beneficent medium of the Old Comrades' Leagues and various Regimental Dinners.

On the other hand there is reconstruction, symbolised by the Colours taking up once more those places so long denied them.

Old friends are recalled from the staffs they have adorned or the Service Units of which they have been the backbone to meet again in the beloved atmosphere of a pre-war mess—that atmosphere of grand old pictures and plate, each piece with its separate history, to which it is now the privilege of some of us to be introduced for the first time.

The year has its symbol in the picture of a vast Temple of Mars being pulled down—the bricks of it, loyal hearts chosen from a famous county, mortared with heroism and the blood of sacrifice, are being laid on one side or carried away in the barrow called Demobilization, and he who looks on at the demolition cannot but feel sad.

Yet, as the dust and shattered masonry are swept aside, there is discovered a long hidden, centuries old, smaller shrine where priests in gosling green and scarlet have worshipped from time immemorial—not infrequently with sacrifice extreme—before an altar surmounted by the triple-colour and the untarnishable image of St. George.

The good Fusilier knows it well—its rites and its custom, things of beauty which have no place in the harsh times of war, and seeing it and knowing its glories, which are being revived—soon to be as they were five years ago, cannot but feel glad.

In this momentous year, where sadness and rejoicing mingle, there is surely a message—a great thought to be retained by us all—the thought of mutual affection and regard.

Those who continue to make the history of the FIFTH will look back with intense gratitude and respect on the thousands and tens of thousands who answered so nobly the call of England in her hour of need—those who have left us will remember with love and honour the Regiment by whom their countless numbers were strengthened and enriched and from whom they originally sprung.

Perhaps the most notable incident of the year occurred at the beginning of it, that hour long waited for when a Fusilier Battalion was first quartered on German soil.

After that the meeting of our two Regular Battalions at Wargnies le Grand, a very different affair from their last meeting in the Ypres Salient.

Then the return of both Battalions, reduced to cadre, to England, the slow building up again at Durrington and Catterick, the move of the 1st Battalion to its peace time station at Borden Camp, and the sailing of the 2nd Battalion for Mesopotamia, whence we receive news that it has been quartered in the vicinity of Nineveh.

Then the slow dissemination of the rest, culminating in the disembodiment of the 3rd (Special Reserve) Battalion, the old Northumberland Militia.

We may here pay a tribute of special thanks to our 3rd Battalion; they have been embodied in every war into which the Country has entered since the days of Marlborough, and in this, their greatest embodiment, have not only been charged with the defence of the Tyne but have as well sent out to us no less than 5,000 Officers and 23,000 other ranks—among whom are to be counted three recipients of the Victoria Cross. Their late Commanding Officer, Col. R. F. Roundell, M.P., served with them from the outbreak of hostilities till after the signing of the Armistice and now we shall be giving him no more than his due when thanking him most heartily for the magnificent work he has done for the FIFTH.

To relate in detail the exploits of every Unit of the Regiment would be impossible with the space allowed—it must suffice us to pay them collectively the tribute of our proudest memory—coupled with the regret that a memory, only, it must be. From India to the East of Europe, from Salonica to the shell-torn wastes of France and Flanders it has been their duty to carry the Regiment's fame; none could have done so better, few even half as well.

In taking farewell of them we must also take a long farewell of many great souls for whom the Last Post has sounded when they could not hear—the days have past, thank God, when nigh half of our Regimental Paper was composed by the black rimmed Roll of Honour—but still, in the year which now draws to its close, our losses have been grievous and not a few.

First, Capt. Wilfred H. C. Brownlow who fell in action, near Rheims, in 1918. Then Lieut. Stanley Morpeth and Lieut. Alan Ryder Hall. Bandmaster Wallace, with 40 years' service in the FIFTH, who died at Brighton in December, 1918. Capt. Gerard Orby Sloper who won his Military Cross in the Retreat and, after four years in Germany, volunteered for service in Russia. Lieut.-Col. John James Robinson, who joined the FIFTH as an Ensign in 1885. Lieut.-Col. W. W. T. Massiah-Palmer, Capt. D. T. Turner, Capt. Neville Marriott North and 2nd-Lieut. W. L. Nimmo. Capt. J. C. Leash, M.C., Maj.-Gen. J. M. Toppin and Maj. D. F. de C. Buckle. Lieut.-Col. A. C. Boddam Whetham, killed flying in Egypt with the Royal Air Force. Q.M.S. Arthur Benjamin Fisk, who joined the FIFTH as a boy of 14 in 1871. Lieut. Arthur Alfred

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Piggott and lastly Clr.-Sgt. R. Biddlecombe, a veteran of two Afghan campaigns and 32 years' service.

We would be ill-advised to close this retrospect without allusion to the Peace Celebrations:—

The Colours of the 1st Battalion, borne by Capt. T. F. Ellison, M.C., and Capt. C. B. Carrick, M.C., and escorted by C.S.M. A. Graham, Pte. T. Norwich and Pte. S. R. Poole, were borne through Paris and London, and a party of the 2nd Battalion, 24 strong under Capt. B. E. S. Mahon, marched in the London Peace Procession. Efforts to reach Newcastle for the Peace Celebrations there were frustrated by a railway strike.

Such, then has been the history of the FIFTH through 1919—and there remains but to write of the *St. George's Gazette* itself. The cost of publication having risen instead of falling, as it was expected to do, has reduced our bulk and at the same time increased our price. We trust that in a future not too distant the boot may be drawn permanently on to the other foot. We have many trusty supporters to thank—"Green Jacket," "A Wanderer in the North West Frontier Province of India," "E.G.B." and others—not forgetting "A.K.L." whose pictures have given us so much delight, with other artists, as excellent, whose anonymity forbids our congratulating each in turn.

We are now sorely in need of more and express a pious hope that articles lengthy and witty on such subjects as Russia, Italy and the Air may not be long in finding themselves between our covers.

So closes the first retrospect of Peace since 1913, and, in closing it, let us again express the hope that in years to come, beginning with the year on which we enter now, that close intimacy with the FIFTH, with the traditions new and old and with the spirit of the Regiment and the multitude who have learned to know and to love them in the past four years may flourish long and lustily, its memories undimmed by time or separation, its brotherhood cemented firmly by recollections of the part we played, one and all, in the greatest war in history.

Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

Col. Landen's Departure.

Not another word may be written till we have set out in full the circumstances of Lieut.-Col. Landen's farewell to the Regiment on departing to take up his new duties at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

A special guest night was arranged in his honour with the Band in attendance, his health was drunk and our Commanding Officer, in a speech which from its substance could not be otherwise than a long one, paid a glowing tribute to this distinguished Fusilier's thirty-two years' service with the FIFTH. Never can the time honoured chorus of "For he's a jolly good fellow" have been sung with more genuine goodwill; never were hands more ready than those which grasped Col. Landen, not once nor twice in the course of the evening, and bore him in triumph from billiard room to ante-room, from Mess to garden and from garden to the gates of his house where he was to pass his last night under the Regimental roof.

Col. Landen replied to the toast of his health in a speech rich with memories of "Good old days"—a speech copiously interrupted with "Hear! Hears!" and applause. What a brilliant example must these words have set to any newly-fledged Fusilier present! Certainly, as the Commanding Officer himself affirmed, it is no small thing to rise from the barrack square in thirty-two years to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel, wearing the D.S.O. and D.C.M. Such a figure as our late Quartermaster must be almost unique in the Army of the present day; such a career makes us instinctively think of one other great soldier, Sir William Robertson, who also climbed alone and from the ladder's foot to reach heights seldom reached even by those who are placed at the outset upon a higher and less slippery rung!

Farewell, then, and the best of all good luck to Lieut.-Col. Landen—may his welcome familiar presence be with us to grace St. George's Days for many years to come.

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Visit by Lieut.-Col. Herbert and Maj. Platt.

It was on this momentous occasion that we were fortunate in being able to welcome, twice in the day, Lieut.-Col. Herbert and Maj. Platt, who visited us for lunch and returned again in time for Mess. Both were looking extremely well and we are sure that it must have added not a little to the pleasure of the evening for Col. Landen to have been able to number them among those who gave him his send off from the FIFTH.

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Football, Association.

In addition to other smaller matches the second round of the Army Cup Tie was played by the Battalion Team, composed as under, against R.A.S.C. Duties, at Buller Lines, Aldershot, on the 11th of December.

The match commenced at 14.30 and from the start the Fusiliers were the attacking side.

From a splendid run by the forwards C.Q.M.S. Clarke opened the score for the Regiment. A fine shot, put well into the net, out of the goalkeeper's reach.

Play was now even till the Fusiliers forced a corner, the left wing placing the kick so that C.Q.M.S. Clarke was enabled to score again.

Shortly after this we were awarded a penalty for hands; C.Q.M.S. Clarke took the kick but shot over the cross bar. Half time:—The Battalion Team 2, the R.A.S.C. 0.

On resuming, the R.A.S.C. had most of the play till we made a very determined attack, culminating in a third goal by C.Q.M.S. Clarke.

A splendid run by the R.A.S.C.'s centre-half, who finally passed to his forwards, secured them their first goal.

Then followed some mid-field play after which the Fusiliers again attacked and forced the R.A.S.C. back to miss his kick. He, trying to recover the ball, handled in the penalty area.

The kick was taken by Sgt. Newton and his shot struck the upright.

The R.A.S.C. now made a fresh effort, ran the ball down the field, and, after a scrimmage in our goal, scored their second, within three minutes of the whistle blowing.

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The Fusiliers made several determined attacks but failed to score again.

Result:—The 5th Fusiliers, 3; R.A.S.C., 2.

The heartiest of congratulations must be given to our team who have trained hard in their spare time and earned a victory if ever a team did. To single out any special names for praise would perhaps not be in good taste where praise is so well merited by all but an exception must be made in the case of C.Q.M.S. Clarke, responsible as he is for our entire score.

Team:—Cpl. Purcell (Band); Cpl. Peppiat (Band), Cpl. Windram (Band); Pte. Pape (Z Coy.), Sgt. Newton (Z Coy.), Cpl. Walsh (Z Coy.); Bdm. Benson (Band), Pte. Kerr (X Coy.), Pte. Taylor (Z Coy.), Bdm. Obey (Band), C.Q.M.S. Clarke, Captain (Y Coy.).

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The 3rd Battalion Dinner.

On the 11th of the month a fair number of us, headed by the Commanding Officer, gathered at the Imperial Restaurant for the Annual Dinner of the 3rd (Special Reserve) Battalion, the old Northumberland Militia.

Col. Lord Algernon Percy, A.D.C., filled the chair, two other Commanding Officers of the 3rd Battalion, Col. R. F. Roundell, M.P., and Lieut.-Col. C. P. Hawkes, worthily supporting him. A total number of over 30 sat down.

Col. Lord Algernon proposed the 3rd Battalion coupled with Col. Roundell's name in a brilliant speech embodying the traditions and history in brief of the Militia. Col. Roundell replied, expressing his gratitude to the Regular Battalions for their help in the past and his desire for the most cordial friendship and understanding between them and the Special Reserve in the future; and then, by a happy thought, the list of toasts was altered and Col. Yatman was called on, extempore, to reply to that of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, thus giving him an opportunity to express on behalf of the Regular Battalions a firm assurance that all those things Col. Roundell had wished for were come true and would so remain to time immemorial.

No one who attended this, the first Special Reserve dinner since the outbreak of war, can have gone away feeling otherwise than that it had been a success of successes and all must hope that it is a success which will be repeated in the future to the great benefit of all concerned; for nothing can cement more surely those admirable relations that exist between the Special Reserve and the Regular Battalions than that they should meet once a year, as on Friday night last, on common ground.

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Major ???????'s Dog.

In the midst of peace we are in danger . . . .

One would with difficulty believe this possible, except in Russia where the only evidence of the Great War being over is a change in the man one tries to kill, yet till recently in our homely, contented menage at Borden things were even so.

On a mild, winter's morning I, with our Second-in-Command and two more of my brother Officers, stood on the very threshold of the Mess in the self-same frame of mind as that which obsessed false Tarquin before the gates of Rome. Horatius, in the form of a champing, dusky monster, his coat staring, fire flashing from his eyes and saliva dripping from his ravenous maw, defied each and every one of us. The only difference in the situation lay in the fact that the inhabitants of "Rome" were just as averse to Horatius's presence as were those trying to get in. Another Senior Officer was trying to get out and, having had several inches chewed off the end of his cane earlier in the morning, preferred, wisely, to see us first essay the perilous passage.

Later on, in the evening, the snarling monster returned (having been temporarily removed by his master to whom he rendered himself all lowly and reverently) and had another try at this Senior Officer, scoring, it is rumoured, a magpie on the heel of his right mess Wellington.

Things, however, have come to an end in every way desirable. Horatius, having removed an outlying portion of the Adjutant, has since, by Orderly Room mandate, been placed among the ranks of muzzle wearers; but we note with apprehension his frantic efforts to relieve himself of this unwelcome aid to safety and also the fact that the Medical Officer has been reading up the latest pamphlets on hydrophobia, and the Sergeant-Major training a funeral party—their motto evidently being, Scout-like, "Be Prepared."

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Officers who have joined since the last *Gazette*:—

Lieut.	H. F. Attwater	5/11/19
Maj.	E. L. D. Forster	7/11/19
Lieut.	G. Thorneycroft, M.C.	7/11/19
,,	K. A. Seth Smith	17/11/19
,,	W. Myers, M.C., D.C.M. (as Quartermaster)	21/11/19
,,	C. H. Markham	
,,	R. E. D. O'Dowd	23/11/19
,,	C. T. Smith	29/11/19
,,	A. Woodhead, M.C.	

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Officer who has quitted since the last issue of the *Gazette*:—

Lieut.-Col. and Qrmr. A. Landen, D.S.O., D.C.M., for duty at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

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The following N.C.O.'s have left the Battalion during the month:—

No. 55844	Cpl. Beechroft	Discharged	16/10/19
,, 97017	Lce.-Cpl. G. R. Clark	Dispersed	19/11/19
,, 9690	Cpl. R. Haywood	Discharged	18/11/19
,, 57631	Cpl. A. Clarkson	,,	19/11/19
,, 158672	Lce.-Cpl. F. Grover	Dispersed	28/11/19
,, 292454	Lce.-Cpl. S. Rogers, transferred to Hampshire Regt.		15/12/19
,, 97010	Cpl. C. Rogers	Discharged	16/ 8/19
,, 88870	Cpl. A. Shingler	,,	8/12/19
,, 48681	Cpl. B. Roberts	,,	8/12/19
,, 3725	Cpl. G. W. King	,,	2/12/19
,, 92108	Lce.-Cpl. W. Halford	Dispersed	5/12/19
,, 69343	Lce.-Cpl. C. Stone	,,	5/12/19
,, 88714	Lce.-Cpl. A. Nellis	2nd Battalion	11/12/19
,, 31854	Lce.-Cpl. W. Spurgeon	,,	11/12/19
,, 88867	Lce.-Cpl. T. W. Arkle	,,	11/12/19
,, 75860	Lce.-Cpl. H. Cort	,,	11/12/19
,, 88981	A/Cpl. H. Willis	,,	11/12/19
,, 96501	Cpl. J. Mitchell	Dispersed	11/12/19
,, 25118	Lce.-Cpl. G. Coyne	,,	11/12/19

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The following personnel joined the Battalion:—

No. 8925	Lce.-Cpl. J. Crombie, joined	18/12/19
,, 25496	Lce.-Cpl. C. Harvey, posted from Depôt	12/12/19
,, 310035	Cpl. H. Jackson, posted from R.E.	18/12/19
,, 62846	Sgt. S. Burns, posted ex-Depôt	29/11/19

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SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The following Warrant Officers and Sergeants have left the Battalion during the month:—

No. 6292	C.S.M. J. Jeffs	Discharged	19/11/19
„ 43038	Sgt. F. Moore	„	19/11/19
„ 24588	Sgt. F. Pepperell	„	19/11/19
„ 98132	Sgt. J. R. Hall	„	19/11/19
„ 42489	Sgt. A. Sheperdson	„	4/12/19
„ 649	Sgt. G. Lewis, transferred to the Depôt		5/12/19
„ 92975	Sgt. C. Scholey	Dispersed	8/12/19
„ 98128	Sgt. J. Skinner	Discharged	19/11/19
„ 2408	Sgt. G. Agonbar	2nd Battalion	19/11/19
„ 948	Sgt. A. Tudor	„	19/11/19
„ 55771	Sgt. A. Shine	„	19/11/19

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A series of Dances have been held during the month, well attended, and with a possible further addition to the Married Strength. It is hoped that in the very near future the Dances and Whist Drives will attract as many as in pre-war days.

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On the 18th instant a welcome surprise awaited members of the Mess. Sgt. Gosman, in the presence of a large audience in the Sergeants' Mess, gave an exhibition of his conjuring and card manipulating tricks, and judging by his present day entertainment, and that which he gave in pre-war days, it is assumed that in the very near future he will become foremost among the world's illusionists.

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A team of six Sergeants were challenged by six members of the Sergeants' Mess, 3rd Batt. Royal Fusiliers, to a Billiard Tournament, the FIFTH winning by 163 points.

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A team selected from members of the Mess, played a team selected from the 3rd Royal Fusiliers' Mess, on Sunday, 7th instant, resulting in a win for the FIFTH by 3 goals to 1.

Lieut.-Col. and Qrmr. A. Landen, D.S.O., D.C.M., left the 1st Battalion on the 25th November to take up the appointment of Quartermaster to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. He joined on the 21st November, 1887, and first served with the 1st Battalion, at Colchester, when Field Marshal the late Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., commanded the Garrison. Promoted Colour-Sergeant 10th July, 1895, he resigned his colours so as to go out with the Ashanti Field Force on the 8th December, 1895. He returned to the 1st Battalion at Gibraltar and accompanied it to Egypt where he went through the Omdurman Campaign. Invalided home after the campaign he joined the 2nd Battalion, at Portland, on the 31st December, 1898, and went with it to South Africa in November, 1899, and was awarded the Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field. Promoted Quartermaster of the 1st Battalion on the 16th March, 1901, he left the 2nd Battalion at Dasport, near Pretoria, and joined the 1st Battalion in the Western Transvaal the following month. He served in Capetown, Mauritius and India, came home with the 1st Battalion in October, 1913, and went out with the Battalion to the British Expeditionary Force the 14th August, 1914. He was in all the fighting from Mons and onwards. Mentioned in dispatches June, 1916, and promoted Major. Awarded the Distinguished Service Order June, 1917, promoted Lieut.-Colonel June, 1919, and appointed Quartermaster, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, November, 1919.

After 32 strenuous years in the Regiment, for he never spared himself either at work or at play, we wish him the very best of luck in his new billet. His cheery optimism and energy has often lightened a complex situation and to the last there was no sign of the now fashionable complaint "war weariness," which complaint in pre-war

LIEUT.-COL. A. LANDEN, D.S.O.

brutal times had another name and on occasions led to a red hot stern walk.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

AMARA,
28th October, 1919.

Owing to the uncertainty of our movements and of the mails since our hurried departure from England, it has been extremely difficult to settle down and write the regular monthly notes of the Battalion for forwarding to the *Gazette*. Furthermore, our newly appointed correspondent, chosen to fill the post by reason of his varied knowledge of the world not to mention his literary genius, was admitted into hospital just before our departure for Amara, and in consequence the much perplexed temporary correspondent, who is not in possession of the last notes sent to the *Gazette*, craves the indulgence of the Editor and his readers for his extremely humble efforts.

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The last notes known to have been sent from the Battalion brought us up to our arrival at Port Said on the 20th September. We only spent a few hours there; quite long enough, however, for several members of the

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party to come away considerably poorer than on their arrival. The increase in the cost of living make it necessary now to throw half-crowns to the diving boys instead of the old-time pennies.

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We sailed at about two o'clock and immediately noticed the rise in temperature and incidentally the falling off of the majority of passengers' energy. The journey down the Suez Canal was a source of amazement to all who knew the Canal as one long stretch of desolation. Miles of huts and dumps have sprung up in recent years. A swing railway bridge crosses the Canal at Kantara and the ship is now cheered on its way to the East by hundreds of British soldiers swimming in the Canal or standing on the bank in the garb of nature.

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Our voyage to Bombay was relieved by Battalion Sports, which included every form of competition from boxing and tug-o'-war to draughts and whist. The winners and runners-up obtaining marks for their Companies. A draft of about a hundred men of the R.A.F. on board formed a fifth Company. B Coy. proved to be the winners by a substantial margin. Results are appended in another column.

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We send photographs of a sensational bout between Sgt. Watts (15 stone) and Boy Moran (2 stone nothing) in which the Sergeant after a plucky fight was put out by the lighter man.

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On the Friday prior to landing at Bombay a very successful Fancy Dress Dance was held, the Regimental Band supplying the music. 2nd-Lieut. Thurston is to be congratulated on his Chinese Mandarin's dress which took 1st prize for men's dresses made on board.

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On the 1st October a very pleasant trip on the H.T. *Derbyshire* was brought to a close by our arrival at Bombay during the early hours of the morning.

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Those Officers who were fortunate enough to get ashore

"THE BEGINNING OF THE END."
(Photo by Maj. Swaine.)

had little opportunity for seeing the sights of the city as their time was fully taken up with fitting themselves up

"OUT."
(Photo by Maj. Swaine.)

"off the peg" with the articles of uniform which had failed to reach them before embarkation.

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On the 2nd we trans-shipped to the H.T. *Shusa* and found we were travelling with the 4th Battalion Royal Fusiliers, old comrades of the 1st Battalion in the 9th Brigade. We would sooner have met them elsewhere and doubtless they share this sentiment as the *Shusa* is designed, it is believed, to carry 1,600 pilgrims!! In addition the cooks seemingly had but one idea, which was to very considerably produce onions at every meal.

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In consequence we were very glad to reach Basrah, 40 miles up the Tigris.

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Basrah proper is a few miles from the river and, whereas large ships are now found lying in deep water alongside wharves with steam cranes, a few years back there was nothing but a shelving bank lined with date palms and the small native village of Asher. West of the river where the desert extended a huge camp now exists. A visit to these Eastern Fronts is a lesson to the British soldier who has fought on the Western Front, but would that some of our Allies might also see the work that has been done and realise the conditions under which it has been carried out.

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We went into camp at Makinah finding on our arrival tents, stretchers and six forms. While here we had a visit from the C.-in-C., Gen. MacMunn, who told us we were going up to Mosul, a station in the hills on the Frontier of Kurdistan. We have heard many opinions of it, but can only "wait and see."

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While at Makinah, the Officers beat the Sergeants at Hockey by 4 goals to 3. One could only trace the ball by the cloud of dust round it.

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On the 19th we embarked on a river steamer for Amara,

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our present station, about two hundred miles up the river from Basrah. We were extremely comfortable and the only incident which marked an otherwise peaceful journey up the river was an involuntarly high dive from the upper deck by a venturous somnambulist in the middle of the night. A risky performance as the currents of the Tigris are treacherous, but the sleeping diver was successfully fished out.

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We arrived at Amara on the afternoon of the 20th and found a very comfortable mud-hut camp on the river bank awaiting us.

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Since our arrival several shooting parties have been out along the river banks; though the proportion of hits to rounds fired has not been phenomenal, a welcome addition to our frugal fare has been obtained.

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One notable contribution to the pot must be mentioned. It was first sighted near the bathing place by the Quartermaster, who with great intrepidity boarded a convenient hospital launch and opened rapid fire, bringing the quarry to water when it proceeded to dive with remarkable agility.

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Some twenty bathers stung to action by falling pellets then joined in the fray, but the final capture was effected by a small Arab boy. Poor Coot!!

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The Medical Officer who missed his launch and the patient who was on board during the whole proceeding were alone unappreciative.

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We may be here a few more days or a few more weeks—Nobody knows!

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Our journey to Mosul ends in a long march and we are anxiously awaiting news, from our advance party, which left for Mosul under Maj. Williams four or five days ago, of what is in store for us on the march and at our destination.

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Results of Boxing Competition on H.T. *Derbyshire*:—

CLASS A.

(*Men who had fought in a Competition before*).

Heavy-Weights.—Sgt. Watts, B Coy.
Middle-Weights.—Sgt. Crofts, D Coy.
Welter-Weights.—Pte. Pearce, A Coy.
Light-Weights.—Pte. Brown, B Coy.
Feather-Weights.—Pte. Butcher, C Coy.
Bantam-Weights.—Lce.-Cpl. Kenning, A Coy.

CLASS B (Novices).

Middle Weights.—Lce.-Cpl. Woodhouse, B Coy.
Welter-Weights.—Final declared "No Fight."
Light-Weights.—Pte. Bird, D Coy.
Feather-Weights.—A. M. Croken, R.A.F.
Bantam-Weights.—Pte. Douglas, B Coy.

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

MOSUL,
27th November, 1919.

Before we ourselves fall victims to the effect of the climate of Mesopotamia it is well to warn readers of these notes that all moral sense of distinction between truth and fiction begins to fail after four months in the country and completely disappears during the subject's first hot weather.

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This curious phenomenon had become increasingly apparent to us since the date of our disembarkation at Basrah. As we travelled up country climate, locality, temperature, all proved generally the antithesis of what we had been led to expect, and by the time we reached railhead we were hardened to the shock of having to abandon all our heavy kit and scratch along with a handful of mule carts instead of sailing triumphantly into Mosul with the fleet of motor lorries which had been foreshadowed.

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But the true confirmation of this theory came with our arrival in Mosul. From various sources we had learnt among other "facts" that Arab ponies could be picked up for a mere song at every street corner, that herds of wild pigs were to be found coursing within a stone's throw of the town, and that the local canteen was embarrassed by the quantity of beer and stores with which it was stocked.

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In truth we find that an exclusive Arab dealer would be pleased to sell one of his poorer class ponies for Rs. 3,000 (£300!), that none but the domestic pig has ever grunted within fifteen miles of Mosul, and that the bulk of the canteen stores in the station are represented by such of our own as escaped being tipped out of the mule carts to metal the road from railhead.

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On last writing we were on the eve of leaving Amara. We embarked there on the 9th November, on Paddle Steamer 55, with the usual two barges attached and steamed up the Tigris, reaching Kut el Amara on the 11th, where we stayed for about three hours, and arriving at Baghdad on the morning of the 15th.

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Life on a Tigris steamer is a peaceful existence varied only by occasionally sticking on a sandbank from which one may escape in a few minutes or where one may remain for several months. We passed a steamer which had just been re-floated; she had tied up in deep water last March, the river fell during the night and in the morning she found herself high and dry like the Ark on Ararat.

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We spent two busy days at the Combined Depôt at Baghdad, which is some four miles down stream from the city. One's expectations in Baghdad were based on the Arabian Nights and one's realisation of the truth made one appreciate the silver tongued optimism which earned the writer of those historic tales a place on the Mesopotamian staff of Haroun al Rashed. Baghdad is disappointing and in common with the rest of Mesopotamia is best viewed from a distance and then at sunrise or sunset, though some of its bazaars and narrow bye-ways are interesting and the mixture of races which throng the streets provide a certain attraction.

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From Baghdad we had a twelve hour journey by train to railhead at Sharqat, thence a march of 72 miles to Mosul, which we accomplished in five days. Scarcity of transport necessitated our moving by half Battalions. H.Q. and the Right Half Battalion marched on the 19th November, the remainder of the Battalion setting out next day. The rains were overdue when the march commenced and we were lucky in getting the whole Battalion to Mosul before they broke, as with a heavy rainfall the road becomes impassable and marching has to be suspended till a couple of fine days occur to harden up the road again and so allow the march to proceed.

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An interesting place passed on the march was Qayarah where the Boche had struck oil and started to work it before the war. He, as far as possible, destroyed all his plant before the Turkish retreat but the wells are now being worked again. If promise of oil can be judged by the odours pervading the surrounding country the neighbourhood is rich in possibilities.

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Hammamali, the last halting place before reaching Mosul, derives its name from a natural hot spring. Its original name is supposed to have been Hammam ul Alil or the "Bath of the Sick," but a legend has grown up among the Shiak Sect of the Mohommedans that wearied by a long march through the desert Ali invoked the assistance of Allah who instantly provided a nice warm bath. The attraction of this after a seventeen mile march persuaded certain of our Officers to seek it out but the discovery of an aged and mournful looking "Drabi" seated in a blackpool reeking of sulphur diverted them to the cold but more cleanly waters of the Tigris.

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Of Mosul we have as yet seen too little to say much. It is a far larger city than most of us expected, typical desert city surrounded once by a fortified wall of which little remains at present. The Officers and half the Battalion are accommodated in barracks at the northern extremity of the town, the remainder are in E.P. tents close at hand. Our photographers have not yet got to work and our special artist has not yet rejoined from hospital. A Photographic Society has been formed in the Battalion and when this is sufficiently developed to develop its films we hope to send you some illustrations.

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We have had little opportunity for sports since we came to the country. Mr. Thurston carried off 2nd prize in a very hot tent pegging competition at Amara, running off the final at half pegs which both he and the winner successfully carried. We took on the hitherto unbeaten G.H.Q. football team at Baghdad to the tune of 1—0, and drew with the team of the 1/5th Royal West Kent Regiment whom we relieved at Mosul, and who left for England this morning. We have some promising material in the football line and with practice they should do well.

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Finally, if we appear to be dilatory in the despatch of these notes and in our private correspondence we would ask our friends to appreciate that we are now at the back of beyond and that we have experienced considerable difficulties in getting there.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

20th December, 1919.

The Annual Regimental Dinner was held at the Imperial Restaurant on Friday, 12th December, after an interval of five years. Col. Lord Algernon Percy, A.D.C., presided and the following past and present Officers attended:—Cols. Lord Algernon Percy, A.D.C., R. F. Roundell, M.P., and C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Lieut.-Cols. H. S. Ainslie, C.M.G., E. B. Gordon, C.M.G., D.S.O., A. C. L. Hardman-Jones, H. B. Warwick and C. P. Hawkes; Majs. O'N. Segrave, The Hon. J. Arthur Joicey, W. Platt, D.S.O., H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C., G. C. Holderness, R. M. R. Lamb, D.S.O., and R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O.; Capts. Macaulay Mort, B. G. Cresswell Hobbs, C. L. C. Hodgson, V. C. Hardy, C. E. Hamilton, C. W. G. Hastings Wheler, G. B. Coulson, C. H. Markham and G. G. Shiel, M.C.; Lieuts. E. G. Pease, M.C., D. C. F. Burton, K. Seth-Smith and W. E. Blackett-Ord.

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Heartiest congratulations are due to our old Adjutant, Maj. C. E. Thornton, and to Capt. G. E. Darley Waddilove on their awards of the O.B.E. in the Final Honours List, to an old Officer of the Battalion, Col. Lord William Percy, D.S.O., who was awarded the C.B.E. for his services in the East and to Maj. H. M. Heyder who received his brevet in the same list.

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Maj. G. C. Holderness and Capt. B. G. Cresswell Hobbs are attached for duty to the 51st Batt. the Royal Sussex Regiment, at Rugeley Camp.

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Lieut.-Col. W. Orde, of Nunnykirk, has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Northumberland. Col. Orde is the second senior of the old Officers of the Battalion, the senior being Col. Anthony Marshall, of Chathill, who joined the Northumberland Light Infantry Militia in 1868 and resigned his commission in the 3rd Northumberland Fusiliers in 1886. Col. Orde was a "recruit officer" in the Old Light Infantry in 1876, and received his Company in 1881, the year of the fusion with the Northumberland Fusiliers. He was Major in 1896 and was Second-in-Command to Lord Algernon Percy during the South African War embodiment of 1899—1901. He retired with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel in 1906 after a connection with the Regiment of thirty years' duration.

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Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Glad New Year "under peace conditions" to all past and present Officers, Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers, and men of the 3rd Battalion wherever it may have pleased the fates to have called them!

C.P.H.

DEPOT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

23rd December, 1919.

Life at the Depôt during the past month has been unexciting. This may have been due to reserving of the necessary jollity till the exit for the Festive Season.

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The Christmas leave has been so arranged that one half

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THE GRENADIERS OF THE 5TH REGIMENT OF FOOT AT THE BATTLE OF "BUNKER'S HILL," JUNE 17TH, 1775.

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of the Depôt will be away for Christmas week and the other half for the New Year, so that all will have their turn.

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Capt. H. M. Heyder, M.C., paid us a visit. We were all glad to see him on his return from the middle East looking fit. We hear he has been given a temporary Staff appointment in Ireland.

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We wish all our friends, both at home and abroad, a Happy New Year in 1920.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Am I a bad writer? Has our Censor overlooked one or two mistakes? Or has the compositor blundered? Anyhow to save all arguments and unnecessary correspondence we will say it is I!! But really in looking over November's *Gazette* I find one or two errors which must be rectified. Will readers please read in place of S.M. Briddley S.M. Brindley, for Mrs. Featherton read Mrs. Featherstone, and for Sgt. and Mrs. Watson read C.S.M. and Mrs. Watson. All these will save the writer from getting a further strafing. Strange to say several wonder who this writer is but we must keep them in the dark for I have heard it whispered that there is talk of boxing gloves and Gymnasiums, so I am going in training.

No. 1 Company Team.

No. 2 Company Team.

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We are very busy on recruits' training just now having had a sudden influx of *TWO*. It is quite a treat to see them on the Square. Northern Command say we have to keep them on fatigues until we can form a Platoon of 30, but we are not worrying about that for I am thinking their time would be in before we have that number here. But I do not wish the reader to think that this is all that worries us here, for

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it's not, if it were only recruits we should not be daily contemplating Grey Hairs and Bald Heads. We are daily receiving batches of not *wanted's* from France, absentees of a year or so, and others whom directly they report themselves seem to think they should either be paid out or sent on pass for a further period of a month or so, not having seen my brother or uncle or someone who is just coming on leave you know.

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This month we have had two Whist Drives the winners of the first Drive being Sgt.-Drmr. Slater and Miss Macfarlane, the booby winners being R.S.M. Dresser and Mrs. F. E. Watson. The second Drive R.S.M. Dresser got into form, kept a cool head and won the 1st prize in a canter, Mrs. Lee winning the ladies. The booby prize on this occasion going to C.Q.M.S. D. Redhead who I am sure deserved the wondrous prize presented him, a pair of spectacles! Oh!! and whom do you think won the ladies boobie? Why Mrs. F. E. Watson!! and would you like to know what it was, well I'll whisper (a babies

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The Sergeants' Monthly Dance was held in the Mess on the 19th and proved a huge success, everyone as usual wanting it to go on for another hour or so.

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Excitement was at its highest on the 8th and 12th when Nos. 1 and 2 Companies played their fixtures in the Garrison Football League. On the 8th No. 1 Coy. played their usual *International* (?) team, but great was their surprise when No. 2 Coy. beat them 3—1. The tussle was again started on the 12th and at half-time No. 1 led 2 love, but No. 2 Company playing a splendid game drew with them on time. This I can safely say shows No. 2 Company to have the best team in the Infantry Depôt for did they not beat the D.L.I. on both occasions?

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We are having the usual Children's Christmas Tree on the 30th but on that I will report in our next. Sgt.-Drmr. Slater I might say is in charge of the *Massed Bands*, who make their bow before the public on this occasion, but of that I beg to report later.

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I would like to say that we have at present a member in the Mess who is always being taken for the late H. B. Irving! One of his most peculiar characteristics being to wear a great coat with an astrakan collar and cuffs. This so much embarrasses one or two of his erstwhile pals that they now refuse to be seen in his company in civilian clothes.

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Two of our members, C.S.M. Cochran and Sgt. Marrs, have just returned from Hythe, both, I believe, have covered themselves with glory (not Gore), although I believe S.M. Cochran had been chasing imaginary Jerries with a revolver and Sgt. Marrs the same with a bayonet.

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It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Mrs. Dresser, the wife of our R.S.M. This distressing fatality occurred at a large fire in one of the most prominent buildings in Newcastle about 4 p.m. on the 23rd December, at which 11 lives were lost. Included in these were Mr. and Mrs. Mitcheson, an ex-Fusilier with 21 years' service. Our deepest sympathies to all suffering from these deplorable losses.

4TH BATTALION NOTES.

The following short account of the ceremony of unveiling on the 25th October of the Georgian Arch presented by Mr. Jas. T. Robb, J.P., to the Town of Hexham as a thank-offering for the safe return from the war of his three sons was unfortunately delayed.

A dais had been erected in front of the memorial, and upon it were seated the principal participants in the proceedings. Mr. Robb (who officiated as Chairman); Viscount Allendale, Chairman of the Northumberland Territorial Force Association; Maj.-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., Colonel, Northumberland Fusiliers (who Commanded the 50th Division in France); Lieut.-Col. E. P. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O., Col. A. J. Foster, C.M.G., formerly Commanding the 4th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers; Col. Edward Joicey, Hon. Colonel, 4th Batt. N.F.; Rev. J. V. C. Farquhar (Rector of Hexham); the Rev. J. E. McVitte (Presbyterian Church); and Mr. J. Civil (Chairman of the Hexham Urban Council). Seats were placed facing the dais, and these were chiefly occupied by Officers of the Battalion in khaki. Among the numerous company were Mr. R. H. Robb, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Robb, Mr. and Mrs. W. Milne, Hexham; Hon. Mary Beaumont; Col. L. C. Lockhart, Col. J. M. Clark, ex-Officers of the 1st V.B.N.F. and 4th N.F.; Gen. Sir C. L. and Lady Bates; Mr. C. Riddell, Swinburne Castle; Col. Sir A. Leith; Maj. Bickers-Stephenson, of the old 1st V.B.N.F.; Mr. Geo. H. Waddilove, Mr. W. J. Benson, Miss Straker, Mrs. H. Straker, Mrs. B. D. Gibson, etc.

The Officers included Lieut.-Col. J. R. Robb, Capt. Milne Robb, Maj. W. Anderson, Maj. C. Dixon, Maj. B. Cruddas, Maj. W. E. Stephenson, Capt. J. V. Gregory, Capt. T. A. L. Thompson, Capt. M. Turner, Capt. Napier, Capt. Cranage, Lieut. Rev. W. E. Pearson, Lieut. H. Nicholson, Lieut. W. C. Clemitson, Capt. D. K. McComb, Capt. Ormsby, Capt. C. O. P. Gibson, Lieut. S. Piek, Qrmr. Hardgrave. There were also present a number of ex-service men belonging to the town and district. Members of the Urban Council took up a position on the right of the dais.

Mr. Robb then spoke and presented the Arch. He was followed by Maj.-Gen. Sir P. Wilkinson who unveiled the commemorative tablets, and who said:—"It may well be with feelings of pride that you are met here to-day to witness the handing over of this memorial arch to the representatives of your town. It is erected to commemorate the deeds of the 4th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers. The Battalion is in very truth your own Battalion. Its headquarters are in your own town of Hexham, and the Companies are raised in the dales which run into the Tyne Valley. The Officers, N.C.O.'s and men, who answered the call of their country in 1914, were your own husbands, brothers and sons. Their sufferings, privations, and the hardships, which they went through were felt almost as much in your own homes, as on the battlefields of France and Flanders. Their successes you rightly claimed as your own. Their losses made empty chairs at your firesides. The close connection of a Territorial Battalion with its district is one of the greatest assets. It carries the heart of its people with it. After a victory each soldier can picture to

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himself the arrival of the news at home; the joy which victory brings, and the pride of each household's share in it. But it also intensifies the tragedy of war. You can recall the arrival of the news of that first fight the Battalion took part in in April, 1915—the Second Battle of Ypres. By the aid of poison gas, the Germans had driven back the French Colonial Corps and then turned the flank of the Canadians. The situation was very critical. The Northumbrian Division was thrown in the fight, and by its splendid fighting, to a certain extent, retrieved the day and saved the situation. For most of you that was your first experience of the noble deeds by your own men and the cost of them. I will only refer to one more fight, that of the 15th September, 1916. Your Battalion was on the right, and owing to the temporary failure of the London Division to take High Wood, the 4th N.F. had to advance under a close and terrible machine gun fire from their right flank as well as from the front. It was almost impossible to advance, but they carried their first objective, and it was chiefly by their heroism that High Wood was eventually taken, but the loss to the Battalion was very heavy. The Battalion has been very fortunate in its Commanding Officers. It mobilised under Col. Foster, who took it to France, and commanded it at the second battle of Ypres. We are glad to see him present here to-day. When he was recalled by the Government to important work at home, the command fell upon that gallant gentleman and fine soldier, Col. B. D. Gibson. The story of his last message to his Brigadier and his glorious death is one of the finest deeds the war has produced, and it will live in history. Mr. James Robb had three sons in the war, and I would like to mention among the Commanding Officers, Col. Wm. Robb, who was temporarily in command when Col. Gibson was at home ill, and he was dangerously wounded whilst leading his Battalion. After Col. Gibson's death, Lieut.-Col. J. R. Robb remained in command till the end of the war. It would be out of place for me, a stranger, to remind you what Mr. James Robb has done for his native town, but I should like to be allowed to join with you in your congratulations to him on the return of his three sons from the war, as two of them have been brother Officers of mine. The arch, which has been so carefully moved and re-erected in this place, is of historic and great beauty. I am sure you will agree with me that it is a great addition to the Abbey Grounds. I should like, on your behalf and my own, to congratulate Mr. Robb on the inspiration which guided him in selecting such a suitable and worthy memorial, and to thank him for once again adding to the interest and beauty of your town. I am very glad to see my old friends of the 4th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers to-day, and I do most sincerely hope, when the conditions of service for the Territorial Forces are at last published, they will join up and give the Battalion a fair start by keeping up the close and friendly relationship between all ranks that carried us through the war."

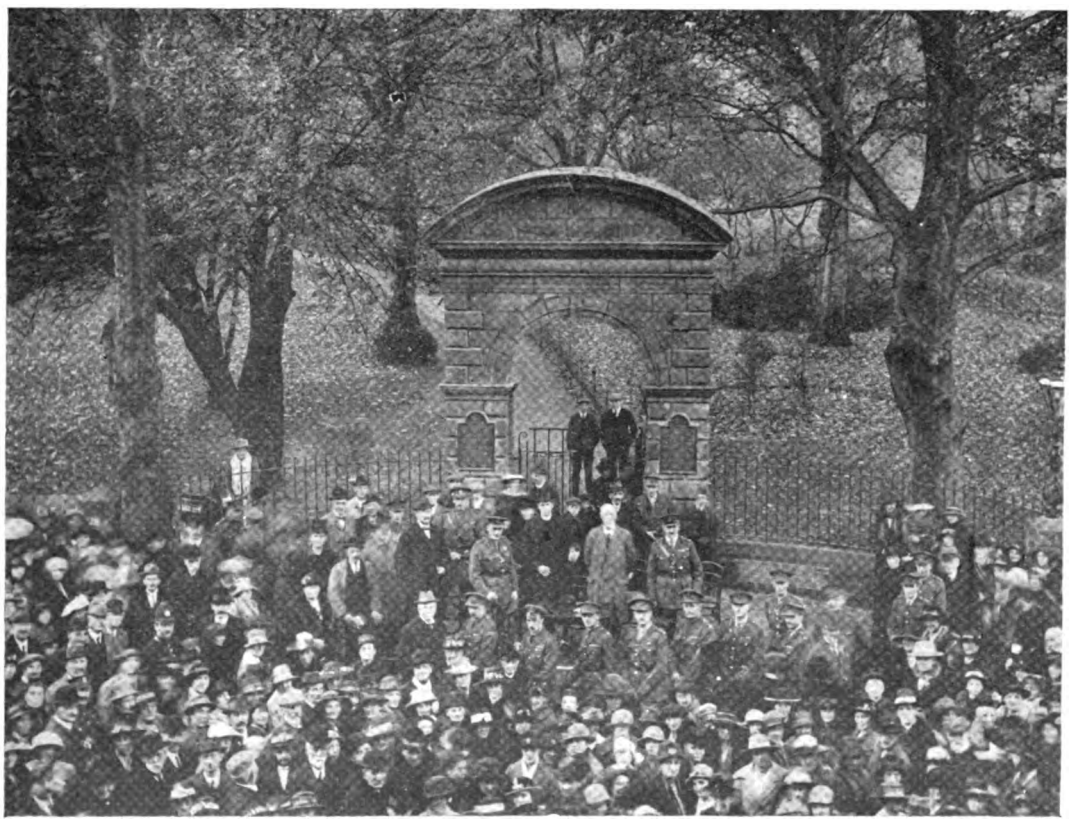

PHOTO TAKEN AFTER THE UNVEILING CEREMONY.

Maj.-Gen. Wilkinson next said:—"I unveil this memorial to the Glory of God, to commemorate the services of the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the 4th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, who served in the Great War, 1914-1919." He then pulled a cord, which drew to a side the curtains covering the tablets placed on each side of the arch. Amid impressive silence, Cpl. T. W. Young sounded "The Last Post."

Lieut.-Col. E. P. A. Riddell expressed thanks to Maj.-Gen. Wilkinson and made a stirring speech upon Britain's after war effort. He was followed by Lord Allendale, and then Col. Foster.

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On acknowledging the gift on behalf of the Battalion, Col. A. J. Foster said the duties of a Commanding Officer were many and varied, but he was certain that public speaking was not one of them, because he felt more nervous there than he did in France. His mind went back to the last occasion that he spoke in Hexham. It was shortly after they were mobilised that he came to Hexham with his friend and brother Officer (Col. Gibson) to ask for recruits. It was in the open air, and they spoke not far from the spot where they were standing that day. The audience consisted mostly of ladies, but they did not mind that, because they felt that the best people to appeal to the young men were the women, and he had no hesitation in saying that many a woman had urged the men to serve their country, and had made it easy for them to do so. Women had done splendid work in munitions, nursing, and in other capacities, but they must not forget to give praise to the women who waited patiently at home while their men were in danger. When the Battalion left Hexham in April, 1915, they expected their duty was for home defence only. They were soon disillusioned as in a very short time they were asked to volunteer for active service. They were told that if 60 per cent. volunteered, they could go as a Unit. The response of the 4th was splendid, and they soon had their 60 per cent. The greatest ambition of a Commanding Officer was to command a Battalion on active service. He little expected that when he took over the command of the 4th N.F. at the request of his friend, Gen. Riddell, that he would command such a splendid body of men as the original 4th, when it went to France. Col. Foster proceeded to speak of the fighting around Ypres, in which the 4th N.F. were immediately thrown on their arrival in France, remarking that they were told afterwards that they had been a great factor in saving the situation. He also alluded to Pte. G. Chadderton winning the D.C.M. so early on in the war. He (Col. Foster) had to leave the Battalion, being commandeered for work at home, and they knew the splendid record of the 4th under Col. Gibson, whom he had no hesitation in saying was one of the finest soldiers the country had ever known. He had the greatest admiration for him. He could not have died a nobler death; he might have withdrawn his Battalion, but he preferred to hold his post till he was surrounded and all were wiped out. Tyneside had every reason to be proud of him, and he (Col. Foster) was proud to call him a friend and brother Officer. Of the original 30 Officers of the Battalion, eight were killed and fourteen wounded. He was sure they would draw from that that the Battalion had done its duty, and was a credit to its native dales, because it was a Battalion that was only intended to be for home defence. Whatever the future of the Territorial Force he was confident if the men of Northumberland were ever called upon again, they would answer the call and do their duty as the 4th had done in the late war. He (Col. Foster) wished to congratulate Mr. Robb upon the safe return of his three sons, two of whom he knew very well, having been Captains whilst he was in command of the Battalion, and no finer Officers a Commanding Officer could have wished; they never knew what fear was, and were always there when wanted. He was proud to call them friends and brother Officers.

The Memorial was then dedicated by the Rector of Hexham (the Rev. J. E. McVittie) and with its formal handing over to the custody of the Urban Council the ceremony concluded.

The tablets upon the Arches are placed on each side of the entrance. That on the left hand reads as follows:—

This Arch was presented to the town to commemorate the services of the 4th Northumberland Fusiliers (T.F.), in France and Belgium during the war—1915-1918.

The Companies were mobilised from the following places:

A—Hexham.
B—Bellingham.
C—Haydon Bridge.
D—Prudhoe.
E—Corbridge.
F—Haltwhistle.
G—Newburn.
H—Prudhoe.
Headquarters—Hexham.

The Gift of J.T.R., 1919.

On that on the right hand the inscription runs:—

The Battalion mobilised at Hexham on August 4th, 1914, and proceeded to France on April 20th, 1915.

It took part in the fighting at the following places:—

1915. April-May—Ypres (St. Julien).
May-July—Hooge, Sanctuary Wood, Wulverghem.
August-November—Armentieres.
1915-1916. December-March—Hill 60 (Ypres).
1916. April-July—Wytschaete, Kemmel.
1916-1917. August-January—The Somme (High Wood, Eaucourt, l'Abbaye, Butte de Warlancourt).
February-March—The Somme (Belloy).
April-May—Battle of Arras (Wancourt, Croisselles).
May-September—Arras (Cherissy, Fontaine les Croisseles).
1917-1918. October-February—Ypres (Houthoulst Forest, Passchendaele).
1918. March—St. Quentin.
April—The Lys.
May—Craonne Hill, Chemin des Dames.
June—The Aisne.

The Gift of J.T.R., 1919.

The bronzes are surmounted by the crest of the Northumberland Fusiliers—St. George and the Dragon, and the motto, "*Quo Fata Vocant.*"

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The following is a return of Officers of the original Battalion:—

		Mentioned.	Decoration.	Late Employment
Lt.-Col. A. J. Foster	Invalided	Despatches	C.M.G., C.B.E. Officer Legion d'Honneur	Staff as Assistant Controller, Ministry of Munitions
Maj. W. E. Stephenson	Invalided			Staff
Maj. B. D. Gibson	Killed	Despatches	D.S.O., Croix de Guerre	Lt.-Col. in command
Capt. F. Robinson	Wounded	Despatches	D.S.O. and Bar	Lt.-Col. 6th Btn. now Capt. Innis. Fusiliers
Capt. W. Robb	Wounded	Despatches	M.C.	Now Capt. K.O. Y.L.I.
Capt. J. R. Robb	Wounded	Despatches	Chevalier Legion d'Honneur	Lt.-Col. 4th Btn.
Capt. C. Chipper	Wounded	Despatches	M.C.	Staff G.S.O. 2
Capt. E. C. Dixon	Invalided			Now Capt. 1st Bn. Inst. Cadet Corps
Capt. L.D. Plummer	Killed			
Capt. R. Webster				
Capt. G. L. Hunting	Wounded			Flying Corps

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		Mentioned	Decoration	Late Employment
Lt. H. H. Bell	Killed	Despatches		
Lt. H. M. Carrick	Wounded			Inst. Cadet Corps
Lt. C. M. Joicey	Killed			
Lt. H. B. Speke	Wounded	Despatches	O.B.E.	Adjt. Res. Btn. later on Staff
Lt. W. J. Bunbury	Killed			
Lt. D. T. Turner	Killed	Despatches		
Lt. R. W. Cranage	Wounded			Signalling School
Lt. C. G. Arkwright		Despatches	M.C.	Adjt. and second in command
Lt. R. Allen	Wounded & prisoner			Adjt. Volunteers
Lt. C. O. P. Gibson	Wounded	Despatches	M.C.	Staff Captain
Lt. J. W. Robinson	Killed			
Lt. N. B. N. Good	Wounded	Despatches	M.C.	Major M.G.C.
Lt. W. M. Turner	Wounded	Despatches	M.C.	
Lt. G. L. Bradley				Assistant Paymaster
Lt. L. C. P. Scaife	Wounded			Inst. Physical Training
Lt. W. Varville	Wounded	Despatches	M.C.	Transferred to R.E.
Adjt.				
Capt. B. Cruddas		Despatches	D.S.O.	Lt.-Col. 1st Btn.
Quartermaster				
Capt. W. Wynnsford		Despatches		Adjt. Flying Corps
Doctor				
Capt. Weir	Wounded			

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

RE-UNION DINNER AT ALNWICK.

A large gathering of Officers and men of the 1/7th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers who had gone through the war was held on the occasion of the re-union dinner at the Star Hotel, Alnwick.

The proceedings were presided over by Lieut.-Col. G. Scott Jackson, D.S.O., C.B.E., T.D., who was supported by Gen. Wilkinson, Col. Robert Scott, D.L., Maj. I. Wright, D.S.O., Capt. Napier, Capt. J. Welch, Capt. P. C. Swann and Capt. W. Craig, M.C. The Rev. Canon Mangin, Vicar of Alnwick; the Rev. L. Gethen, late Army Chaplain; and the Rev. Father Holmes, Lieut. Mowitt and Lieut. Stewart were also present.

After the repast the Chairman proposed the toast of "The King," which was loyally received; and the next toast, "Our Glorious Dead," was honoured in solemn and respectful silence.

The toast of the evening, "The 7th Northumberland Fusiliers," was also proposed in felicitous terms by Lieut.-Col. G. Scott Jackson, who previous to the war had been Captain of the Headquarter's Company at Alnwick, and who went out in command of the Battalion in April, 1915. He could speak of it both as an insider and outsider, and he would say that it had a glorious record.

Maj. Wright responded, and hoped the 7th Battalion would keep up the glorious name it had made for itself.

Capt. J. Welch proposed the "Non-Commissioned Officers" in a happy speech, coupling with it the names of Sgt. James E. Pearson and C.Q.M.S. G. V. Trueman, both of whom replied.

Sgt. Pearson proposed the health of Lieut.-Col. Jackson.

Col. R. Scott, who had charge of the Battalion at mobilization and for some months after, said it gave him great pleasure to welcome home again some who had served under him, and others under his friend, Col. Jackson, who succeeded him. He wished the 7th Battalion "Good luck" in the future; he would take the same interest in it as he had done in the past.

An interesting little ceremony was performed by Gen. Wilkinson in the presentation of Meritorious Service Medals to C.Q.M.S. G. V. Trueman and Sgt. James E. Pearson.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
31st December, 1919.

This number which marks the end of an eventful year marks also an attempt on our part to get the *Gazette* back to something more near to its old portly size. To keep it there requires constant feeding with MSS. Budding authors and others please note.

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Our thanks are due to all who have so nobly assisted us in our Editorial duties during the year.

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We hope that the New Year will arrive to see the Peace of Versailles ratified by Germany. Apropos of this the following translation of an old Hungarian song temp circa 1704, which was sent to us, is of interest:—

"Magyar trust not the Germans,
No matter how or what they protest,
Naught is the parchment they give thee,
Though it be as large as thy round clock,
And though they set a seal on it
As big as the brim of the moon,
Spite of all it lacks all virtues
Confound them Jesus Christus."

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We have received from Col. C. M. A. Wood a copy of *Echoes from a Regimental Paper* and one of *Arrah in 1857* for disposal to the advantage of the finances of the *Gazette*. We take this opportunity of thanking him, and of saying that the books have been sold and the account credited with the proceeds of the sale.

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With the last issue was sent a leaflet advertising a new history of the Regiment by Miss Walker. We have got a copy of this history and having read it, we emphatically state that every Officer of the Regiment should possess one. Other histories we have read in times gone by but they always struck us as being incomplete and on the dry side. Miss Walker's history is a far more complete record of the Regiment from its formation down to 1902, and she has brought into it a mass of personal matter about the men who made the history, which removes from it any ground for an accusation of dryness!! The following quotation will give some idea of how even small items in the lives of Officers are not left out:—"Bernardi rejoined his regiment in Utrecht, and not being fit for duty, he courted and married a lady of more than double his age but of considerable fortune." Throughout the book, which is copiously illustrated, runs a vein of humour which is proof that Miss Walker in tackling the subject brought to bear upon it a keen sense of the "quaint." The price of the book (a guinea) may seem an obstacle to some, but there are 502 pages printed in good type, and, as we know to our cost, printing nowadays is an expensive luxury.

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At any rate considering the limited market of such a work we think it cheap at the price.

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Many old Fifth Fusiliers will have read with regret of the death of the late Field Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C. Though he never served in the Regiment he was intimately connected with it through the Higher Commands and by his death England has lost a fine soldier, a brave man and a great sportsman.

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His son, Lieut.-Col. Charles Wood, whose name appears in a recent *Gazette* as promoted to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel on the half-pay list, joined the Regiment as a 2nd-Lieutenant in 1892 and, as the *Gazette* indicates, has departed from it, after 27 years' service, in order to make way for the many younger men whom the close of the war has left with prospects of promotion which can only be described as gloomy.

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Miss E. G. Johnstone
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Letter to the Editor.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS' AID SOCIETY,
8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
31st December, 1919.

To THE EDITOR, *St. George's Gazette.*

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge, with many thanks, subscriptions and donations received between 1st October and 31st December, 1919, as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Northumberland Handicrafts Guild, per Miss O. M. Hicks, Asst. Secretary ...	176	0	0
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Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE CAPT. KING.

On the 22nd December, 1919, the Lord Bishop of Durham, unveiled and dedicated in St. Andrew's Church, Marsden, in the Parish of Whitburn, near Sunderland, a beautiful stained glass window in memory of Capt. Humphrey Stuart King, M.C., who was killed in action on the 3rd October, 1918.

The subject of the window is Sir Noel Payton's wonderful picture, "Mors Janua Vita," and bears the inscription:—"To the glory of God, and in sacred, loving memory of Capt. Humphrey Stuart King, B.A., M.C., 2/5th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, younger son of the late Rev. John King, M.A., Rector of Crook. Born 4th October, 1892. Killed in action in France 3rd October, 1918. This window is erected by his wife, Josephine.

"*Dulce et Decorum est Pro Patria Mori.*"

Other clergy present at the Service were Rev. R. J. L'E. King, M.A. (brother), Rev. Canon C. G. Hopkinson, M.A. (Rector of Whitburn), Rev. R. J. Davies, M.A. (Curate of St. Andrew's), Rev. E. M. Williams (Rector of Jarrow Grange). The Lord Bishop rendered a feeling and touching address.

The late Capt. King was educated at Darlington Grammar School, and graduated at Durham University in June, 1914. Joining the Grenadier Guards in September, 1914. In June of the following year he took his commission in the Northumberland Fusiliers, and in January, 1916, went to Egypt, where he was for six weeks, after which he crossed to Salonika. He was mentioned in despatches, and awarded the Military Cross in the King's Birthday Honours, June, 1917. He came with the Battalion to France at the end of June, 1918, came home on leave on the 8th July. He married on the 11th July Josephine, younger daughter of Mr. C. W. and Mrs. Wheatley, Marsden, returning to France on the 28th July, where he was until killed in action while leading his men at Le Catelet. His loss was greatly regretted by his Colonel and brother Officers, for he was universally loved.

A Memorial Service was held in Crook Parish Church on the 3rd November, 1918, when again the Lord Bishop of Durham was the preacher.

CONCERNING TAXI DRIVERS.

"My fare's a quid!" The beery ruffian accompanies his oration with an impromptu gas-cloud.

"My fare's a quid. Nah! Hi don't budge from 'ere for no blinkin' blankin' less, and it hain't no use yer askin'. Yus! yer can tike it er leave it!"

You and I, dear reader, men of slender means, commend this bravo of the streets to his own place, and stump the remaining half-mile to home.

Still, there are ways of circumventing him, and it is to illustrate some of these that I venture to take pen in hand and approach the Editor of the *St. George's Gazette.*

My Friend, and, in matters such as the above, my Tutor, Rear-Admiral Sir Jolyffe Slimner, hampered by a Gladstone bag as large as himself, was met with just such a gruff reply on alighting at Waterloo. He had to get to Kensington.

"A quid?" he replied, suavely, "My good man, I should have said two. You are indeed generous!"

They started off, and, somewhere past Thurloe Place, the Admiral consulted the meter and produced from his trousers' pocket the exact fare, plus a penny halfpenny,

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Alighting, he unlocked his door and flung his bag inside, then he handed the driver the amount I have just mentioned———

"Wottheell's this 'ere?"

"Your fare, my good man, and, as the night is exceptionally chilly, I have added a penny halfpenny to buy you a cup of warm soup. There is a stall at the corner."

The driver expressed himself in terms which a hardened man of the sea could well appreciate and criticise. Eventually he stopped, worn out.

"I gather you are of opinion that I have under-paid you?" The Admiral grew more and more polite. "Well, every man is entitled to his own opinion. You will find a Police Constable at the bottom of the street. Mention my name to him (he gave it). He is quite a friend of mine, and will certainly give you any legal advice you may require. Good-night to you." And he vanished inside his door.

The Reverend Earnest St. Cere, another friend of mine, picked up a taxi in Queen's Gate and asked for the Athenaeum.

"'Ere," growled the disciple of Lord Chesterfield, "I haint wantin' to go there—not for no bloomin' parsons I haint."

The learned Divine, shuddering, proposed the nearest Police Station as an alternative, closed the window, and philosophically waited developments.

At the Athenaeum he collected a suit-case and asked if the driver knew the way to Waterloo. Again he had hastily to close the window. At Waterloo he had his exact fare handy, and walked away, followed by a sermon, of which he has since given me a Boudlarised edition:—

"Oncivil? Me oncivil? ME?——garn! Corls yerself a gent Hi suppose! A blinkin' blankin' gent! A gent, does yer? Drive ter ther perlice stashun would jer? Ther per—bloomin'—lice stashun? Gorblime! If thered been er perlisheman there Hi wouldnave druv yer! Nah! I wouldnave druv yer. Justcher put that in yer blinkin' bankin' poipe an' smoke it!" etc., etc.

"Temper, temper," said St. Cere in his most clerical voice.

Frederick Whichello, Barrister-at-Law, a man of little age and less character, is an expert in defeat. He and I had been dining at the famous Gilbert and Sullivan restaurant, and, on hailing a taxi afterwards, were met with:—

"Engiged? Yus! Hi ham hengiged. See me flag cauntcher?"

"If I could not," I answered with that perfect civility which inflicts the most perfect anguish, "I should be the second BLIND man present."

"Blankin' funny, aincher?" snarled the carrot nosed bandit, blowing out a cloud of gin-vapour.

Then Whichello took up the cudgels.

"Charles," he cried, as if in horror, "Charles, what a dreadful tragedy. That poor man; that unhappy victim. To think it. Can he have always looked like that?"

Carrot nose gurgled thickly.

"And his wife—poor woman—his unfortunate wife. My God, what a frightful tragedy. It was surely an accident. It cannot have been———"

Carrot nose said a beastly word.

"Yes, he says it *was* an accident. Oh, dear Charles, let there be no cruel words for him. Any of us might have the same hard luck—a Jack Johnson in the face and———"

"I—I—I've seen better things," spluttered Carrot nose. "Swep aht of a norse's loose-box afore this!" And he made to slam his door.

"Shut that door!" cried Whichello, and Phoebus unintentionally obeyed him. "Now smoke your nasty, cheap cigar. Smoke it. Do as I tell you!"

With a dreadful oath the cigar was dashed to the ground. We walked out of hearing. Whichello spread out his fingers and put them to his nose. Then he approached the stately, gold-laced door-keeper. Something—part of which was a coin—passed between them. The Door-keeper went up to Carrot nose and whispered in his ear. Then our enemy exploded. He shook his fists in turn; he leapt; he stamped; he foamed at the mouth. Other taxis, passing, chipped him, and made him worse. A little crowd gathered.

"What was it?" I asked.

Whichello chuckled. "A very little thing," he said, "Which annoys a taxi-driver almost more than anything else in the world. I just sent a message to say his skin didn't fit him. That's all."

The Author has since tried this repartee on individuals of the class here dealt with, and can vouch for the efficacy of it, and also of the other methods of attack and defence set out in this most serious article: methods which he trusts will enable his readers more than to hold their own against the unspeakable taxi-driver.

C.H.M.

"GENERAL McIVER."

(A tale of Christmas, 1917, more or less true, with no apologies to anyone.)

By T.S.

The word "quiet" is a comparative adjective. Therefore when I say that Christmas, 1917, was a quiet one with the 2nd Corps I do not wish to convey to the mind of the reader a picture of the gilded Staff sitting round a fire in slippered ease with pipes, cigars and the wassail bowl upon a table close to hand by the padded armchairs. No, it wasn't as quiet as all that, but there was a lull in the warstorm just then and perhaps some of the gilded ones found it somewhat difficult to find scope for the mass of energy which, as is well known, is the main ingredient in the receipt for making good Staff Officers.

Anyway, Christmas, 1917, with the G.H.Q. 2nd Corps was a quiet affair. So much so that a certain Staff Officer whose incognito I shall preserve with my last breath, felt that, at all costs, action must be taken to relieve the monotony. He accordingly proceeded with a secretive insistence worthy of a C.I.C. to lay out and put into operation his own plan of action for the instant relief of H.Q. "ennui."

He procured from Mr. Clarkson or the property man of the Corps Pantomime Troupe (I am not sure which, but I fancy that the secrecy of it all must have inclined his choice to Mr. Clarkson), a false bald head and nose and sundry articles of make-up. He next forged a telegram to himself in his official capacity to the effect that a certain General McIver was coming on the next day from the War Office to inspect the billeting areas under the Corps' jurisdiction. Armed with this he marched into the G.O.C. and arranged that the General should be royally entertained on arrival.

Next day, at the duly appointed hour, the G.O.C. was conversing with an Officer I will refer to as Maj. H., when

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Gen. McIver was announced and entered close upon the heels of the A.D.C. who announced him. He was geniality itself and gave the G.O.C., his A.D.C. and Maj. H. an immediate excuse to partake of light vinous refreshment. His small talk about the war and the London revues was admirable but he nearly came a cropper when he insisted that he and H. had met at Poona in '98 or thereabouts. H. insisted that he was miles away from India in that year but the General was insistent about it. So H. could do nothing but agree politely that he might have mistaken his date.

The distinguished visitor was next taken round to the Billeting Officer's office. Here he was naturally greeted with great warmth, that due to the nature of his mission being intensified by the fact that the Billeting Officer had a friend by name Sir Something or Other McIver. With the latter our hero undauntedly claimed kinship and so successful was he in the role of Sir Something's cousin that doubt was cast upon the reality of the Billeting Officer's acquaintanceship with so distinguished a member of the Scottish baronetcy!!

In his zeal to make the War Office Inspector thoroughly comfortable the Billeting Officer cast round for a comfortable lodging for him for the night. His choice fell upon a certain Subaltern on H.Q. Staff, class pip-pip, whose chief duty according to his letters home was to advise the G.O.C. on how to win the war, and according to Corps Command Orders was to count the Corps wash on Mondays and Saturdays and to weigh the Corps dripping on other days. This Officer was sent an ultimatum to vacate his billet forthwith, but our friend, alas, had too kind a heart, and he dramatically pulled off his disguise and declared a truce to pulling people's legs. I think it was a pity myself. It would have been such a splendid idea to have slunk away and having removed his disguise in secret to have listened to the young Officer receiving his orders to vacate his billet. But, as I have said, our friend has one of the kindest of hearts, and besides were not the dog days sufficiently enlivened by what he had already accomplished? Maybe after all he was right. G.O.C.'s get grumpy sometimes where their legs are pulled, and class pip pip young fellow-me-lads sometimes have G.1 dignities combined with XX senses of humour. Anyway his achievement was a great one and deserved an O.B.E. at least.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH BATTALION NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

(Concluded from page 150.)

Addendum.—**The photograph printed last month was one of the Officers and N.C.O.'s who in pre-Territorial days were members of the 1st B.V.N.F., who became 4th and 7th N.F. respectively on the organisation of the Territorial Force and again came together in the 35th Battalion.**

On September 27th began the first of a long series of enemy aeroplane visits, bombs being dropped freely all round, but luck was with us. The Battalion sent 100 men to Margate to assist the local garrison in making dug-outs for the civil population, that town having suffered rather severely.

In September Capt. A. D. Darling resigned on account of ill-health, and D Coy. was taken over by Capt. Dalgarno-Robinson, of the Royal West Surreys, who had joined us during the summer.

Capt. Hodgkin having left for special duty in the "Operations" branch of the General Staff at the War Office, A Coy. had been taken over temporarily by an attached officer, Capt. Anwyl, R.W.F., then by Capt. Morlidge, Worcestershire Yeomanry, who was attached to the Battalion for duty on February 2nd, and on his departure for France, where later he won a D.S.O., Maj. Reid, of 20th Middlesex, attached to us for six months as a "tired" officer, took over on November 17th, which he held until he quitted for France on May 9th, 1918.

Since the departure of Lieut. T. A. L. Thompson the transport had been commanded successively by 2nd-Lieut. Max Westlake and Lieut. Harrison, Manchester Regiment, who handed over on 2nd January, 1918, to Lieut. Robertson, this officer retaining charge till the final break up after peace.

On January 12th Brig.-Gen. W. E. Cavendish relinquished command owing to ill-health, and the Brigade was taken over by Gen. W. E. B. Smith, G.C.M.G.

The Brigade made its final move on February 17th, when it left Herne Bay to take over part of the Suffolk Coast with H.Q. at Saxmundham. The Battalion Headquarters were at Westleton, where C Coy. was held in reserve. A Coy. was posted on the right at Minsmere under Maj. Reid; B Coy. at Greyfriars, Capt. F. W. Bates; and D Coy. at Dunwich, under Capt. Dalgarno-Robinson. The front was interesting, the centre being of cliff and moorland and the flanks of shingly beach and dunes, with marshes behind, and the front was just under five miles in length.

Maj. Hedley being detached by Brigade as Quartering Officer, Maj. Reid took over the duties of Second in Command, A Coy. being taken over by Lieut. Mather.

St. George's Day in 1918 was again observed with the traditional honours.

On 24th April Capt. F. Waller-Bates was gazetted to T.F. Reserve, and B Coy. was, after a short interval, taken over by Capt. Cecil Cornelius, who rejoined from 52nd Royal Fusiliers.

On 9th May Maj. Reid, whose departure was regretted by all, returned to France, and Capt. J. E. N. Thompson became Second in Command, his gazette as Major following on June 19th.

On 7th June Lieut. W. L. Tew, who had been signalling officer, left for France, and on the 12th Lieut. Crowther departed for Salonika.

On 17th August Maj. E. S. Armstrong, a "tired" officer, reported from France, and later took over B Coy.

On 28th September two new Companies, E and F, were formed, under Capts. C. Cornelius and H. McConway, and went into billets at Aldeburgh on approach of winter season, October 24th, and moved on November 5th to Halesworth.

On October 25th Capt. D. Hebenton, who had been Q.M. since the formation of the Battalion, quitted for the 2/7th N.F. in Egypt, and was succeeded by Capt. F. R. Johnson, from the West Surreys.

In October a new line of defences, the "Corps inner line," was commenced, but was happily interrupted by the declaration of the Armistice on 11th November, when the demobilisation of the less important defences all along the line was begun.

No further drafts were received, and E and F Companies were called in from Halesworth to Greyfriars and Westleton; many officers went on draft leave, and several large drafts went to various destinations at home and abroad as guards to prisoners, etc.

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On December 3rd the Assistant Adjutant, Lieut. C. F. Brown, left for duty with 51st Grad. Batt. Royal Fusiliers, and during the month E and F Companies were re-absorbed into C and B respectively.

Dismantling was rapidly proceeded with, and on 28th December D Coy. moved in from Dunwich to Greyfriars, followed next day by A Coy. moving in to Westleton, being merged into B and C respectively. A Coy. was absorbed into C on 31st January, 1919.

On 3rd February Capt. Dalgarno-Robinson quitted to report as Education Officer to 52nd Batt. Royal Warwicks, at Lowestoft, preparatory to going overseas in that capacity.

By 4th February the dismantling was completed, only wire winding and the transport and the sale of materials remaining.

C Coy. was on 1st March amalgamated with B Coy., leaving the latter as sole Company for the purposes of winding up.

On 17th March Capt. N. B. Kilpatrick, 3rd King's Liverpools, who had taken over C Coy. from Maj. Thompson, quitted for his own Battalion.

The Battalion now lost the services of Rgt.-Sgt.-Maj. Turnbull, whose services had been invaluable, and whose steady and soldierly qualities had won him entire respect from all ranks. While at Herne Bay he was "mentioned" for services rendered.

Officers and men had been rapidly demobilised, and on 29th March the Battalion was reduced to a cadre of 30 rank and file, the officers remaining being Lieut.-Col. Reavell in command, Maj. J. E. N. Thompson, Capt. and Adjt. D. K. McComb, Capt. and Q.M. F. R. Johnson and the demobilisation officer, Lieut. Youll. On this day the Adjutant was gazetted with a well-deserved "mention" for duties during the war. He and Lieut. Youll were next demobilised, and the cadre moved to St. George's Drill Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and finally, on 3rd May, to the pre-war H.Q. of the 7th N.F., at Alnwick; and on 4th September the winding-up was complete, and the 35th ceased to exist.

This brief record does scant justice to the officers and men whose names appear, and less to many other officers and men who passed through its ranks during an eventful five years. The Battalion as a unit served only at home, but scores of its officers and hundreds of its rank and file passed on to the foreign field in various parts of the world, and many died in the defence of their country's liberties and the freedom of Europe. Much hard and unrecognised work was done freely and cheerfully, and many who received their training in the 35th justified it in the sister Battalions abroad.

Firm friendships were formed, and there are many all over the home country and in various parts of the world who look back with warm feelings to their time in the 35th Northumberland Fusiliers.

VENGEANCE.

The train appeared very full. I caught it by the proverbial hair's-breadth.

In my carriage were two obvious profiteers, male and female, and a fur collar surmounted by an offensive cigar and a green velvet hat. All three eyed me with rank disfavour.

The carriage was stifling hot. The windows closed and the scent worn by the female profiteer, combined with the offensive cigar, created an atmosphere to which that of the Zillbeke Cemetery, after shelling, would have been decidedly preferable. I asked thrice for a crack of window to be opened.

"We likes it warm," said the male profiteer, and the female turned and coughed at me. The cigar giggled. This was too much. I spoke to him with some asperity, whereon the male profiteer butted in with:—

"See 'ere, young man. It ain't 'ard to see 'ow long you've been a hofficer. And, short time as it his, it's time yer was demobbed!"

"Never been hout of Hengland Hi sh'd think!" commented the female. And the cigar, certain of support, giggled again.

Then, picking up the despatch box, which is all my luggage when I travel on Courts Martial, I went out.

In the next coach I had better fortune. A retired Officer of my Regiment and his daughter had a reserved compartment. They welcomed, condoled, and even assisted in the concoction of a plan of vengeance.

This is how that plan was carried out:—

The communication cord in my old compartment, last in it's coach, ran for about ten inches outside—and, near it, was an electric switch, operating on all the lights in the coach. In my despatch box was a pair of horn spectacles and a flask of Haig and Haig. The retired Officer supplied me with a felt hat, an overcoat, and a travelling rug.

Click! The switch plunged my old coach in darkness. Shouts and screams resulted. I flung open the compartment door, seized the cigar's fur collar, and pushed it's wearer heavily in the direction of the female profiteer. Heavens, how those three began to scrap! Sprinkling them liberally, in the dark, with my whiskey, I bolted, pulled the cord en route, and vanished down the corridor.

The train slowed up; brakes groaned; carriages jolted; we stopped. Outside came flashes of lamps; shouts; scattering gravel.

"Where wos it, Bill?"

"This wye, Mister Smithers!"

"Whoy, blime, the light's aht!"

"And the winder's all bust ter shivers!"

Then followed babel.

We were expecting the little search party, and they more than fulfilled our hopes. The fur collar was split, and hung down it's wearer's back; the cigar and green hat were no more. The male profiteer bled profusely from the nose, and seemed to have been rolling on a dirty floor. The female had lost her hat, and had re-assumed her peroxide wig back to front. They all stank of whiskey, fit to be smelt a league off. Babbled they loudly and all together of a nebulous Officer who had insulted and assaulted them; but no Officer could be found. Sharing my friend-in-need's compartment was a person in an overcoat and felt hat; his legs completely hidden by a rug; his face obliterated by horn spectacles———

"It's my belief," puffed the irate Guard, "It's my berlief there hain't no Horficer at all; and, wot's more, there never wos no Horficer. It's my berlief yer's woosey, ther lot of yer. That's wot's my berlief!"

He sniffed contemptuously, suspiciously.

"This yere'll corst yer a five pun note hat ther bloomin' least—more if Hi 'as my say in ther matter! Stop yere, Bill, and keep a heye on 'em. I'll wire fer a perliceman ter meet ther train at Noo-Carsel!"

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They began to go.

"Goonight, genlemen," said the Guard. "Sorry to 'ave 'ad ter trouble yer."

"Not at all," said my Friend-in-need.

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The next station being my own, I returned him his hat, coat, and rug, collected my cap and cane from under the seat, picked up my despatch box, and got out.

Who was it said revenge was a privilege of the Gods alone?

C.H.M.

EXTRACTS FROM THE DIARY OF A SECOND BATTALION STRETCHER BEARER.

SECOND BATTALION, 1915-1916.

My life from when we received orders for England, 10/11/1914, until the present time, 10/10/1916.

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The next day I was very bad with my tonsils and I could not go out, and the next day I pulled round so much that I was able to go out for a short time in the afternoon. That finished my leave as I had to start back for camp the next day.

I went back by Midland and risked it, but was never pulled up so got through all right. I left London at the proper time but the train was late and of course all on it were late back to camp, but nothing was said as we had come by the train which, if it had kept up to time, would have landed us back in time.

The next week or two were spent in stretcher drill and first aid. We did stretcher drill with six to a stretcher, and I may as well state here that we were never able to work more than four to a stretcher and often had to work with two to a stretcher the whole time I was doing that sort of work in France.

On about the 10th of January we moved to Winchester into billets as there was rather a lot of talk about the unfairness of putting troops just from India under canvas in the middle of winter and there were rather a lot of cases amongst us owing to the cold, so I with my Company were moved into the Workhouse and it was rather a joke writing home that we were in the Workhouse through no fault of our own.

Well, we left for France on the 15th of January, 1915, landed at Le Havre on the 16th, and entrained (after drawing fur coats and other winter clothing) for the front. We were two days in the train and found ourselves eventually at Hazebrook where we detrained and marched to Carte Crenix.

On this march the waggon with the officers' kits on fell over into a ditch and the S.B.'s being the last party were stopped to put it right, the M.O. remaining behind with us.

I got the job of walking the M.O.'s horse up and down, but I think the horse walked me up and down and took me where it liked, as it was rather restless; I was more afraid of it than it of me.

Well the kit was all rescued and put on a motor lorry and we discovered that nobody knew where the Battalion was to be billeted so we hunted all over the country half the night looking for them, but at last gave it up and spent the rest of the night in Bailleull with some Corps cooks who gave us a good breakfast, and we started on our hunt again and found the Battalion in billets at about 10 a.m.

The Battalion spent the next two weeks training in the various arts of war, and we S.B.'s practised map reading and carrying cases across uneven ground by light and dark.

Then at about 2 a.m. on the morning of the 2nd February we were suddenly ordered into the firing line and we were taken up to Vlamatinge by motor bus. This journey took us till five o'clock in the afternoon and we had tea in a field, then marched towards Ypres and as we thought to billets, but we were sadly mistaken as we marched until the early hours in the morning and found ourselves in the trenches at Zillebeke where we relieved the French.

The S.B.'s were split up then, two going with each Company and the other eight remaining at Headquarters dressing station, which was about two miles from the front line.

We were hardly settled down when we were called out at about 4.30 on the morning of the 3rd as there had been some casualties in B Coy., among whom was L. Manly, who was a chum of mine and was one of the first of our Battalion killed.

The Huns had blown a part of our trench in and in it were six or seven wounded, but we could not find them as no one seemed to know the way to the place. T. Brierly was the S.B. with B Coy. in the trenches and we could not find him either, so as it was getting daylight we had to give up the search; we had quite a few casualties that night and it was our first taste of active service.

The next night we eight reserve S.B.'s started for the trenches while it was still daylight, contrary to orders, as it was supposed to be too risky in daylight, but the thought of the wounded from the night before got on my mind and we slipped away and managed to get into B Coy. while it was still light without a casualty. It took us some time to find the cases but we managed to find them, and discovered that Tim had stopped with them all day by himself; he had managed to get them altogether in one dug-out and kept them alive by risking his own life getting them water and such eatables as he was able to find. Poor Tim was just about beat and he had not been to sleep since leaving billets and had been left on his own with these wounded men, but he was a hero and helped as hard as anyone to get the poor fellows out and actually helped to carry them to the dressing station.

After that things went more smoothly as I managed to get permission to keep all the S.B.'s at the dressing station during the day and the men who held nursing certificates did the first aid in the trenches. And the whole of us used to go to Battalion Headquarters just before dark and find out where the casualties were and used to split up the party accordingly, and after the cases were all cleared from the line I used to report the same to the C.O., and one day he said he thought that I and the stretcher bearers were doing our work very well indeed.

We carried on like this, doing a week in and a week out of the trenches, without anything special happening until it came our turn for a long rest.

We went down some distance behind the line for our rest but were soon called out again, and sent into that awful St. Eloi sector to fight for the International Trench. Well the whole Brigade were in action and there were an awful amount of casualties, which it took us all our time to clear.

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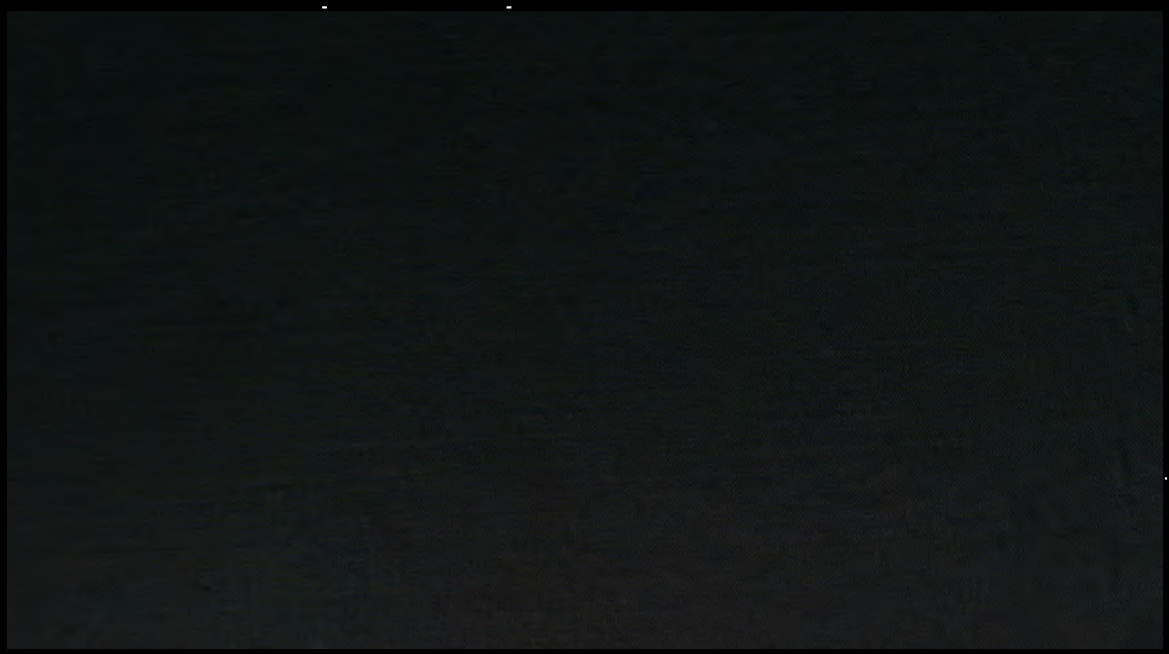

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